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M.L. EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	26th "
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	2nd Feb.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	9th "
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M.L. PENINSULAR	6287	T. Leigh	23rd "
* INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	2nd Mar.
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	9th "
* PERSIA	7911	W. A. Wheler	16th "
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BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c. & 2 bon.	1265
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,280
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,020
Commercial Bank of India	10,000 / 15,000	100	100 / 75	nil	66
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	£6	all	3 pr. ct.	
Charter Bank	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	221
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½-2	8 pr. ct.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

				Half yearly	
Victoria Assn. down	1,750	100	100	dv Rs10	195x1
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	35
Bedham Pile	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	149
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	12,500	500	dvd 450	6,850
Do. New Issue.	500	375	625	dvd 112½	1,740
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	00	100	dvd 4	60
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	5 pr ct	50
Bombay Flour Mill	000	500	500	55	735
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	5 pr ct	310
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	500	200	200	dvd Rs 8	169
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld.	2,000	250	250	9 p 16	521
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld	292	500	50	...	56
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn.	5,000	00	10	10 pr. ct.	15
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	175
Kemp & Co.	4,000	200	175	21	357
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	300	0	183
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	160
Napier Hotel Co.	2,000	100	1	2 pr. ct.	25
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	0	...	65
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	0	12 pr. ct.	131
Phillips & Co, Ld.	4,000	100	50	Nil	30
Port Canning Co.	6,000	000	100	25	470
Soundy & Co	11,000	100	1,000	5	21xd
Treacher & Co.	2,000	500		50	295
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100		dvd Rs 8	135
Telephone Co.	2,000	251	100	1½	30

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly.	
Ahmedabad Advantage	70		000	Nil	
Alliance	1,500	1,000	all	Nil	
Anglo-Indian	1,346		0		
Assur Veerjee Mill, Ltd.	In all 2000 Shares of which 1002 have been all lotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25 12 1-2	17 om.
Aurangabad S & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	60	
Allary S.&.W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1,000
Berar Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	170
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500	500	dvd Rs 30	180
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	000	d	9
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	d dRs.5	0
Bombay Woolen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,000
Central India	1,000	500	500	dvd Rs.50	1,40
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.3	435
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.25	660
Coimbatore S. and W.	6,000	100	00	9 pr ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	500
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	nil	355
Cooria Mills		1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	350
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs60	590
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvd Rs30	240
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	400	250	all	dvd Rs20	260
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	190
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	245
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	275
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	380
Hingughat Mills	700	500	500	40	670
Howard and Bulloughs	1,500	500	500	25	500
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	30	350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	1,200
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	160
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	480
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 50	
James Greaves,	1,100	500	500	Nil	400
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	dvd Rs 20	400
Jamshed Manufacturing Co	1,800	250	250	dvd 5	220
Jewraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	130
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	4,430	1,000	1,000	20	425
Khandeish	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs65	300
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	1,000	250	250	65	70
Khatao Makunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25	500xd
Krishna Mills Ld	1,218	500		dvd Rs.82	450
Leopold	3,500	100	103	dvd Rs10	570
Lord Reay Mfg	445	1,000	1,000	30	158
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	110
Madras United	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 10	530
Mahalaxmee	600	1,000	1,000	1899. Nil	2,325
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	8,400	500	500	5 pr ct.	75
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 40	1785
Mohanlal K. Parekh G & Mfg Co, Ld., Amraoti	300	100	115	dvd Rs15	
Mazagon	5,000	250	...	Nil	55
Morarji Gouldass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs35	1,485
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	Nil	16
Nadura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa 52
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	Nil	150
Presidency Mills. Co. (Ld).	742	1,	1,000	Nil	360
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs30	530
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs5	600
Saraswati Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	50
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	500
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	1510
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil	330
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	85
Southern Maharatta	1,212	250	250	Nil	245
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	250	Nil	160
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	Nil	255
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	66
Swadeshi Mills	4,000	500	500	dvd Rs22½	575
Sassoon and Alliance	3,000	500	500	Nil	325
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	500	1,000	1,000	Ni	
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	25
Venkatnuker Lukhmi-shunker Mill Co. Ld.	900	500	500	Nil	410xd
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	300
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	400	50	all	dvd Rs	

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 19.

2 3-4 per cent Consols.....£ 97 1-2—1-8
3 per cent Rentes.....£101 (ex)— 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....£108 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities ....£94—1-8
Bar Silver in London.....29 5-8 unch'ged.
Do New York .....64 1-8 —1-8
Exchange on London at Paris ...25·3 1-2 plus 1-2
Do New York .....4·84 1-4 plus 1-8
Discount, Bank of England .....4 per cent. unch'ged.
Do Short London Bills ....4 1-8 per cent. plus 1-8
Do Indian Bank Bills .....4 1-8 per cent. „ 1-8

Withdrawn from the Bank of England about £50,000.

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following statement shews the imports into and exports from Bombay of Treasure from Foreign countries since the departure of last mail:—

	Imports. Rs.	Exports. Rs.
Gold Coins	1,698	...
Gold Bullion	247,500	648
Silver Coins	89 502	23,80,542
Silver Bullion	225,556	2,421

EXCHANGE.

Exchange has been very firm to-day with 1s. 4 3-32d. for Telegraphic Transfers generally obtainable and 1s. 4 1-32d. for Demand Bank Bills in some quarters. A few Ready Bills were placed at 1s. 4 5-16d. and for various periods of January at 1s. 4 9-32d. We quote:—

Bank Telegraphic Transfer..... 1s. 4 3-32d.
„ Demand ..... 1s. 4 3-32d. to 1s. 4 1-8d.
3 months' sight Credits... 1s. 4 5-16d. to 1s 4 11-32d
„ Francs..... 170 3-4
30 days' sight, Japan 148 1-2
„ Shanghai ... 211
Silver, London..... 29 5-8
„ New York 64 1-8

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market remained unchanged all day at Rs. 95-14 for Ready and Rs. 96-2 for 4th January settlement.

Opinions of the future seem to be very divided, and the ability of the operator in Bombay to successfully carry out his engagements for the January settlement is no doubt one of the chief factors. In this connection it is curious to note that the presence of so much paper—estimated at about two crores—in the hands of one individual, should be considered an element of weakness. If this paper were in the hands of the public, it would, owing to its diffusion, attract no attention, and yet because one financially strong individual, who is in reality much stronger and less likely to be seized by unreasoning fears, is the holder, the market is ever on the alert to nourish itself on the apprehension that he will suddenly unload, at a loss to himself! It really seems to be a case of the sword of Damocles over again. The sword that may never fall.

SHARES.

The market is quiet. Bank of Bombay shares have receded 5 rupees and the rate to-day is Rs. 1,265. Central India's are Rs. 1,940, having advanced by Rs. 15. Maneckjee Petit's are quoted Rs. 1,785. Ahmedabad Prantej Railway stands at Rs. 675.

COTTON.

Reuter telegraphs to-day that the Liverpoo Cotton Market closed quiet; Surats dull, and Manchester quiet. The total sales were 6,000 bales; sold on speculation and for export 500 bales. Imports 34,000 bales. Surats 50 bales. Spot 5 11-32—1-32. Arrivals closed steady.

Mid.-Uplands, Liverpool:—

Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	March-April	June-July.
5·16 —2·64	5·14 —2·64	5·7 —2·64	5 —2·64

In New York the Receipts at the Ports were 42,000 bales, against 45,000 bales last year. The Exports to Great Britain were 6,000 bales and to Continent 15,000 bales.

Mid-Uplands ..... 10 unchanged.
Futures, month of March..... 9·31 plus 6
„ June..... 9·19 plus 6

In spite of a rise of 6 points in New York Futures our local market is very quiet, with little enquiry for Ready lots of good staple. There is also little doing in Forward business, but there are sellers of Berar Cotton at reasonable prices. Exporters are acting sparingly and Mills only buy for immediate requirements. The total sales reported were about 3,700 bales of which exporters took 2,600 and the Mills are credited with 1,100. Neill telegraphs that he estimates the American crop at 9,750,000 bales, but this news had little effect on the market. Quotations are unaltered, namely:—

Growths.	Fine. Rs.	F. G. Rs.	Good. Rs.	Delivery.
Bengals, Hand-ginned, Railway terms	183	171	163	Dec. 25
Bengals, Machine-ginned, Railway terms	188	178	...	Do
Scind-Punjab Machine-ginned	190	...	...	Jan. 25, 1901.
Bilatter, Machine-ginned	199	...	...	Dec. 25
„ Hand-ginned	198	...	...	Do
Khandeish Machine-ginned	...	193	..	Do
Julgaum Machine-ginned	...	195	...	Do
Akola Machine-ginned	208	...	...	Do
Khamgaum Machine-ginned	208	...	...	Do
Do do	...	203	...	Jan. 25, 1901
Karanjia Machine-ginned	208	...	...	Dec. 25
Oomra. Good Staple	214	...	...	Jan 25, 1901
Broach, Machine-ginned	223	...	216	Mar. 25, 1901
Bhownugger, Hand-ginned	216	207	...	April-May.
Do Do	...	...	196	May 25, 1901
Saw-ginned Dharwar	...	...	218	May 25, 1901
Western	...	...	208	Do

The following are the receipts of the various growths of cotton at Bombay to date as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding season:—

	Yesterday.	Since 1st Oct. 1900.	Since 1st Oct. 1899.
Khandeish	2,964	35,337	31,036
Barsee and Nugur	240	11,819	6,334
Berar	6,975	86,099	36,085
Hingughat	46	1,707	1,559
Dhollera	12	1,976	27,424
Broach	...	275	16,676
Compta and Dharwar	208	7,764	11,417
Westerns	...	1,782	564
Bengals	1,648	44,352	110,750
Sind	...	301	5,195
Persian	...	1,387	729
American	...	1,968	3,044
Egyptian	...	2,348	2,464
Other sorts	5	2,288	843
Total	12,098	199,403	254,111

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

Reuter wires this morning that the Rapeseed market is dull. Yellow Guzeret is unchanged at 45 1-2, while Yellow Cawnpore and Brown is 3d. higher and now stand at 48 and 38 3-4. Linseed is easier but the price remains unchanged at 48 3-4. There are, however, sellers for the Ports of Dunkirk Antwerp and Havre, April-May shipment.

Locally the Wheat Market to-day closes easy, and we have no transaction to report; White Delhi is quoted Rs. 4-6-3, being one anna easier. In Seeds Linseed, Popyseed, Castor and Gingelly seeds remain dull with very little doing, while the market for Rapeseed is easier and shippers are taking a few lots. We give below to-day's quotations:—

Linseed, Bold, Old ..... Rs. 10, New Rs. 8-9
Rapeseed, Brown Cawnpore, Old „ 8-4, New „ 6-6
„ Delhi ..... „ 6-7
„ Yellow Cawnpore ..... „ 7-2 Nominal.
„ Guzerat ..... „ 7-10 do.
Popyseed, Old ..... „ 8-13, New Rs. 7-11
Castor Seeds, Old ..... „ 37-8 „ „ 38 8
Gingellyseed, New 50 per cent. „ 40-0
Do, „ 75 per cent „ 41-12
„ 15 per cent „ 42-8
Red „ 40-0

Subjoined is a summary of daily arrivals of Produce into Bombay:—

	Yesterday. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1900. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1899. cwts.
Wheat	422	2,357,137	5,065,506
Linseed	1,653	756,310	2,076,506
Rapeseed	188	628,770	1,951,494
Gingellyseed	22,255	1,606,207	1,730,460
Poppyseed	118	457,133	587,297
Groundnuts	172	48,435	144,916
Castorseed	1,383	550,054	886,356
Rice	4,374	13,189,786	7,450,100
Myrabollams	2,452	353,779*	not recorded.

* Since 1st April.

SKIN SALES.

Reuter announces that the sheep skin sales closed yesterday weak.

The total quantity sold was Rs. 9,30,000.
Bombay 1-2d. to 1d. higher.
Madras medium quality 1d. lower.
„ prime „ 1d. to 2d. lower.

FUTURE OF INDIAN CURRENCY.

One of the factors in discussing the future of the monetary position in the next few months is undoubtedly the probability of whether much gold is likely to flow into the market, and that again depends on factors which no one can forecast on the data at present available. One of the incalculable factors is the Australian Exchange, and whether that will permit of an import into India of Soverigns. Another factor, which is more calculable, (writes a correspondent) is the question to what extent the Government are likely to be able to sell Council Drafts until the end of the financial year. Taking the amount budgeted for in last March, the average weekly amounts to be sold is nearly 100 lakhs,—a figure which is probably more than the market could absorb, and certainly larger than the amount that Government will be in a position to sell in the present low state of their cash balances, the last published figures for November showing only 8 1-2 crores. In this connection it must be borne in mind that Government raised a loan of £3,000 000 at home this year, and are likely to reduce their Council drawings by at least this amount, which would leave them with only 60 lakhs or so to sell per week, and with the value rupee at 1s. 4 1-32d., it is therefore quite on the cards that there will be further shipments of gold to India. Should shipments of gold be resumed, it is clear that Government will have to continue to coin still further supplies of silver, for although about 10 1-2 crores have been added to the currency since February, it is evident that this is not enough and the reserves of silver are only a little over five crores at the moment, while this week we have again seen a fresh example of the Government's inability to give rupees in exchange for sovereigns, as I hear on good authority that the Lahore Branch of one of the Exchange Banks was unable to obtain rupees in exchange for a parcel of sovereigns of no great magnitude. At the moment of writing the value of the rupee has actually reached the point, 1s. 4 1-32d., at which it would pay to ship gold to India, and Government are therefore in this quandary that in order to check the inflow of gold they must be prepared to sell all the Council Drafts that the trade of the country requires at a point rather below specie point, or failing their ability do this to see a further influx of the metal for which they have no use at present. This surely is a curious comment on the existing currency policy. The rupee we still have with us, but its fluctuations have of late been so slight that this perverse coin is shorn of nearly all its ancient lustre.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 20.

Before the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE B TYABJEE.
and the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE RUSSELL.

Matter referred from Chambers.

In the matter of the Sale of immoveable property situate at Shaik Memon Street and in the matter of Manilal Hargowan, a minor—Bhaishanker K Hargowan Manchanel—Petitioner.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE B TYABJEE.
For Judgment.

222-98—Sorabjee and J. Ebrahim Abdulally and anothers vs. Ebrahimjee Rehemanjee and others Payney S M and Sorobjee and J.

401—Captain and for pauper Dr Neazali Khan others vs. Noor Mahomed Lujjan K B Nubta.

Before the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE RUSSELL.
For Dismissal.

136-00—M H Khan Hajee Abdool Rehiman Shinazu vs. Dayal Canjee and others—Bhaishanker and K.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

678-00—Payne G S Mr Jamsetjee Nusserwanjee Tata vs. Jivan Mangdia and others—D D Romer for pauper part heard.

Commercial Cause.

778-00—Jamsetjee and R Bomanshaw Pestonji Doongaji and others vs. Antonio S Nas iminto da Costa.
Testamentary Suits.

Before the Hon'ble MR JUSTICE CROWE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

73-00—Shamrao and M—Burjeevan Narrondas vs E C O'Brien—Smetham B and N

677-99—Payne G S and M—Anandibai vs Jaitha Ramjee and others—Hiralal M and M.

165-00—In person—Ramchand Boniram and others vs Sowan ram Sajiram and others—K B Mehta—and F D and Co.

124-99—Dikshit and D—Dr Ganesh Krishna Gorde vs Ramchandra Vishnu Rangape—K J Mantri.

295 99—Smitham B and N—Sekharam Samirmal vs Nath mal Ramdas and others.

288-00—Khanderao and S—Gurmukhral Ramsahimul and others vs Sunderlal Deskinandan and another—Wadia and G.

37-00—Mantri and B—Hassam Adam Patel and others vs Hirajee Kaloo and others—Payne & S and M.

216-00—In person a pauper—Atmaram Vithaldas Mehta vs Kalliandas Vithaldas Mehta and others Edgelow G and W.

472-00—N M Cama—Shavaksha Pestonji Sangana vs Piroy J Fischer—Nanu & H.

309-99—Wadia—& G Joosub Hajee Ali vs Aboo Bucker Hajee Soomer—Payne G S and M.

Suits for hearing and finaldisposal.
Long Causes.

192-00—PAyne G Som—Rustmjee Hormusjee vs Hormusjee—Nanu and H.

424-00—Daphtary and F—The Hope Mills Ltd vs Jethmul Kanmalal—Payne G S and M—parthiarT

441-00—Mantri and B—Chintamanrao Narayen Gorey vs Luana Runchordas Lowjee—Madhowjee V.

156-00—K B Mehta (for pauper)—Waman Bhowaniram vs J L Correia—Roughton and B.

580-00—Hiralal M and M—Dharamsey Damodher vs Lakmidas Liladhar and others—Unwalla and P D and D.

608-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Shridham Gopinath and others vs Gordhundas Goculdas—Bicknell M and M

683-00—Madhavji V—Rattansi Canjee vs Kursandas Ramdas and others—Little and Co and Payne G S and M.

227-00—Hiralal M and M—Sakri Alias Ratanabai vs Shamjee Lilladhur and others—Payne G S and M Bhaishanker and K.

407-00—Wadia and G—Kedarwal Bhuramal vs Jeram Ganeshdas and others—Crawford B and Co.

Long Causes.

24-00—Tyabjee and Co—Gometibai widow vs Vithul Morar—Edgelow G and W.

15-00—Thakurdas and Co—Dayal Gopal vs Mumodbai—Ardeshi H D and Co.

30-00—Edgelow G and W—Vithul Mcrarjee vs Gometibai—Tyabjee and Co.

31-98—In person—Moongibai widow vs Kasinath Esoo—Tyabjee and Co.

18-00—Wadia and G—Sha Ghella Maneck vs Nenbai—Payne G. S. and M.

23-00—Matubhai—Mansi Patrumal vs Tejpal Deroo—C and Waidya.

3-00—C and Waidya—Tejpal Deroo vs Mansi Patramal—Matubhai.

21-00—Wadia and G—Shah Kessowjee Bhimjee and another vs Vussojee Somersey and another—Matubhai & G

37-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Rajibai widow vs Ramdas Goohawdas and others—Edgelow G and W.

39-00—Bhaishunker and K—Ardeshir Munchorji Khodaijee vs Ruttonjee Eduljee Kerawalla—R Mehta.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH OF DECEMBER.

SUMMARY.

The pressure changes of the past 24 hours have been large and readings show a brisk to rapid fall over the greater part of the country. Pressure is highest in the north and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are northerly in Gujarat and north-easterly or south-easterly at several of the other reporting stations. The force has been fresh to strong at Nezapatam and moderate to light elsewhere.

The variations of both the day and night temperature show a large excess in several places. The highest temperature in the shade was 95° at Ratnagiri and the lowest 45° at Jacobabad.

Humidity changes are very irregular and the skies are cloudy to overcast in the Madras Presidency, Mysore, Rajputana, the Punjab and at Cawnpur, Allahabad, Veraval, Bombay, Sholapur and Belgaum.

About half an inch of rain has fallen at Madras and Negapatam, about a quarter of an inch at Lahore, Colombo, and Trichinopoly, and very light showers at Sirsa, Delhi, Jeypore, Cochin, Cuddapah and Coimbatore.

Weather continues favourable local for showers in Ceylon, the Punjab, Rajputana and at the southerly station in the Madras Presidency. Northerly winds are likely to blow along the West Coast.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats dull,
Good Bhownugger 4 12-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.
2 3-4 per cent. Consols 97 1-2
3 per cent. Rentes ..... 101 ex.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan..... 108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers..... 64 1-8
Bar Silver..... 29 5-8
The sum of about £50,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Menzies arrived here this afternoon.

SUEZ, DEC. 18.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Graham arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta, this morning.

The Australian Lloyd's s. s. Franz Ferdinand left Karachi, for Bombay, on the afternoon of the 18th instant, and is expected here on the afternoon of the 20th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Silesia, from Japan, left Calcutta for Trieste, on the morning of the 19th instant.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 29m. Sun sets, 5h. 27m. High water, 9-33m., 11-10s. Low water, 4-12m., 3-53s.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.
Sassoon Mechanics' Institute, Major C. B. Mayne's Lecture on "The Influence of British Sea Power."
Chamber of Commerce, Ballot for Election of Deputy Chairman, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Annual Prize-Distribution and Christmas Tree, B. B. & C. I. Ry. Co.'s Day School, Parel Mechanics' Institute, 4 p.m.
Bombay Scottish Education Society, Prize Distribution by Lady Northcote, Town Hall, 4-30 p.m.
Literary and Sc

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

PIANOFORTES for Pupils.
PIANOFORTES for Teachers.
PIANOFORTES for Artists.
PIANOFORTES for the Home.
PIANOFORTES for the Hall.
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Quito, 830 tons, Captain D Baird, sailed yesterday for Calcutta in ballast.

THE Asiatic S N Co's s s Navab, 2,041 tons, Captain [illegible] Cribbin, which arrived in harbour on Tuesday from Calcutta 25th November, via coast ports, brought a general cargo of coal.

THE s s Unity, 929 tons, Captain F Hansen, arrived in harbour on Tuesday evening from Rangoon, 8th December, with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs M Mackenzie and Co.

THE s s Gallia, 2,239 tons, Captain J Costa, arrived in harbour on Tuesday evening from Nagasaki, 29th November, with ballast. During the voyage she experienced bad weather for three days after leaving Nagasaki, from thence fine.

THE Anchor Line s s Nubia, 2,319 tons, Captain T G Knox arrived in harbour yesterday from Glasgow, 10th November, via Manchester and Liverpool, with a general cargo and Captain and Mrs R Graham, and Mrs Maning as passengers. The vessel is consigned to Messrs W and A Graham and Co.

THE s s Baron Fairlie, 2,323 tons, Captain E. Wisnom, which arrived in harbour on Tuesday evening from Calcutta, 7th December, brought a cargo of coal. During the voyage she experienced fresh to strong monsoon with heavy rain in the lower part of the Bay and to Cape Comerin, from thence to Bombay moderate sea with fine weather.

THE B I S N Co's s s Simla, 1039 tons, Captain H Bamber, will sail to-day for Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr Dantal, Mr C W Waddington, Mr Hajee Ali, Mr J M Dallaportee, Mr J M Clement, Mr Storris Mr Mcarthur, Mrs Jallagher, son, and infant, Mr E S D'Cruz, Mr K Ramdas, wife, and son, Mr Syed Sabin Ebrahim and eight others and 75 deck

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DECEMBER 19.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
Tenasserim			Greet		Receiving Hulk
Magdala			Greet		Turret-ship
Abyssinia			Greet	Wet Basin	Turret-ship
Plassy					Torpedo Catcher
Assaye			Coates		Torpedo Catcher
Sphinx			Phillipe		Royal Navy
Tientsin	2555	Daniel		5-12	P & O Co
Pekin	2522	Hayward			P & O Co
Foreric	2591	White			M M & Co
Culna	1454	Hill			M M & Co
Barawa	231	Jaffer			M M & Co
Massilia	2308	Lyon			P & O Co
Khasdalla	1318	Metcalfe			M M & Co
Hermod	830	Olsen			Bombay Co
Dragoman	2215	Waters			M M & Co
Sirdar	2494	Rawlings			Bombay & Co
Nurani	2870	Saudilands			J M & Co
Simla	1040	Bamber	P Gulf		M M & Co
Comeric	259	Kennedy			T Morrison and Co
Rasmora	2162	Leiman			M M & Co
Dumra	762	Russell			M M & Co
Assyria	969	Maclean			M M & Co
Loch Tay	3416	Stephen			M M & Co
Ballaarat	2869	Field			P & O Co
Galita	2269	Costa			
Unity	929	Hansen			Bombay Co
Nawab	2041	Crebbin			T Morrison & Co
Baron Fairlie	2323	Wisnom			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 19.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
A	Dido	3127	Pickering			F Muir & Co
B	Trieste	3204	Mills	Trieste	22-12	A L S N Co
E	Virawa	2153	Dougall	Zanzibar	22-12	M M & Co
F	Gloamino	2248	Learmouth	Antwerp	22-12	W & A G Co
H & J	Castleventry	1915	Laing	Fleetwood	21-12	M M & Co
K L	Bridge	193	Chivees	Madras		K N & Co
L	Taher	1858	Coates	Mauritius		H O Joosub
M	Barque Grosvenor	517	Brebner	Mauritius	20-12	H S Shiick
N	Umballa	3126	Campbell			M M & Co
O	Betos	1234	Carstens	Zanzibar	21-12	A Strandes
P	Bithynie	3165	Hoolle	Genoa	17-12	K Nixon & Co
Q	Adelina Patti	1389	Sinclair	Marseilles	4-1	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Mahanadi	547	Badroo	G Port	20-12	Shepard & Co
Indravati	513	Adum	Karachi	22-12	Do
Ponani	534	Fakeer	Bhownagar	22-12	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
2	Annam	2333	Poydenot	Marseilles	20-12	M M & Co
3	Nuoia	2319	Knox	Liverpool	3-12	W & A G & Co
6	Coromandel	2783	Vibert	China	1-1	P & O S N Co
9	Banca	2994	Babat	China	22-12	P & O S N Co
12	Caledonia	3723	Gurdon	Aden	22-12	P and O S N Co
16	Booldana	2860	McClelland	Repairing		M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Pachumba	545	Rickford	Karachi	25-12	M M & Co

MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.

Fultala	2632	Cave	Somaliland		M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
18	Unita s	Hansen	Rangoon, Dec 8.
"	Gallia s	Costa	Nagasaki, Nov 29.
19	Nubia s	Knox	Glasgow, Nov 19
"	Annam s	Poydenot	Yokohama, Nov 24.

DEPARTURE.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
19	Peninsular s	Leigh	Shanghai

The steamer Simla, Captain Bamber, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

Steamer Gallia, for Marseilles and Genoa.
" Nubia for Marseilles and Liverpool.
" Tientsin for China &c.
" Taher for Mauritius.

DAILY IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 19.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

City of Lucknow s—56 cases soap, Chas Phillimore and Co; 15 cases whisky H J Rustomjee and Co.
Hispania s—15 cases whisky H J Rustomjee and Co

FROM LONDON.

Persia s—566 packages provision etc Chas Phillimore and Co
Arabia s—13 cases brandy and 25 cases old tom H J Rustomjee and Co.
Peninsular s—20 cases brandy H J Rustomjee and Co.
Caledonia s—9 case photo materials S D S Koranjia
Benrose s—35 cases provision S Rustomjee and Co; 13 cases soap etc, H R Sulleman and Co.

FROM BORDEAUX.

R Rubattino s—130 cases brandy D Dalabhoy; 35 cases brandy D Cawasjee 10 cases brandy Nowrojee Ardasur and Sons.

FROM MARSEILLES

R Rubattino s—100 cases brandy H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM HAMBURG.

Rudelsburg s—2 hogsheads brandy D Cowasjee,

FROM ANTWERP.

Warthurg s—10 cases perfumed spirit, Rustomjee Manockjee and Co.; 119 cases glassware, E Parmashomel and Co.; 105 cases windowglass, H Alibhoy; 200 cases candles, A Shaik Adum.

FROM GENOA.

R Rubattino s—60 cases provision, and 35 cases vermouth, L Cowasji; 20 cases condensed milk, W Thompson Co.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. POLLEN, COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 20th December.

1. There will be no Commanding Officers parade this week.
2. The Head-Quarters office will be closed, except for urgent work from the 24th December 1900, to 1st January 1901, both days inclusive, on account of Christmas Holidays.
3. The range at Coorla will be open for Class Firing as well as practice during the Christmas Holidays (25th December 1900 and 1st January 1901 excepted) and the Commanding Officer trusts that as many as possibly can will do their Class Firing during these Holidays.
4. Members of the Adult Companies who were extra efficient last season wanting extra ammunition on the Range for practice purposes must produce a requisition signed by the Officer Commanding their Company without this requisition the ammunition cannot be issued.
5. Particulars of the Prizes offered by the Commanding Officer for Class-Firing and attendance at parades for the Adult and Cadet Companies are with Officers Commanding Companies and can be seen at Head-quarters.
6. The following member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "D" Company:—No 4235 Volunteer H E Bearcroft.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 20th December.

1. There will be 10 inch and 40-pr. R M L Gun drill at the Town Hall Compound and Nesbit Road Head-quarters to-day at 8-45 p.m.
2. There will be no parade on Saturday next the 22nd instant.
3. Leave of absence till 15th January 1901 is granted to Corpl V C Martin.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain. R. A.
Adjutant, B. V. A.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Vigil of Saint Thomas Apostle and Martyr.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral)—Hymns 440, 431.
Friday 21st December, Festival of Saint Thomas.
7-15 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Hymns 443, 446, 447.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

KAJIJI—December 19, Manoobai, the second daughter of Mr. M. H. Kajiji and the wife of Mr. Dawoodbhai A. Zenul-abedin, at her father's residence, "Dilk hoosh," Grant Road, of phthisis, aged 23 years. (Deeply regretted by her sorrowing friends and relatives.)

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

HANNAY—December 16th, at "Shawfield," Egmore, Madras, Edith, daughter of Alexander and Edith Julia Hannay, aged 10 days.

SMYTH—December, 16 at Calcutta, of peretonitis Ernest Reginald Smyth, son of Captain Lyonel Smyth of I G S and Railway Co.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

THE Bhavnagar Durbar has forwarded to us a copy of the report on the Famine Operations in that State during the prevalence of the scourge in 1899-1900. It is a lucid, concise and admirably-written document, and is more than a mere record of facts and figures. At the outset it gives valuable information concerning the physical features of the State and a summary of the previous famines in Kathiawar, and then proceeds to describe at length the origin and progress of the recent famine with the measures taken for meeting it. The State contains an area of about 2,860 square miles and a population roughly estimated at about 500,000. We need not dwell here, however interesting and instructive the account is on the famines which are said to have occurred in Kathiawar within the past century and a half. The famine of 1877-78, however, invites attention as showing the way in which useful lessons have been drawn and acted upon in dealing with the present calamity. During the former famine the State had been under the wise and beneficent rule of the late Maharaja. No other Prince in Kathiawar had more at heart the welfare of his people and the desire to relieve the sufferings of the poorer classes of his subjects than Maharaja Takhtsingbji. The Bhavnagar-Wadhwan Railway had its origin in the famine of 1877-78. When in the August of the former year fears were entertained that a famine was imminent and that famine works on a large scale might be necessary, it was decided to concentrate the relief works upon a railway. The subject of the construction of a railway connecting Wadhwan with Bhavnagar had hung fire for a long time owing to several differences between the Bhavnagar Durbar and the Government of Bombay about the line of the route and the means wherewith the scheme was to be carried out. It was only through the persuasion and personal presence at Bhavnagar of Sir Richard Temple that the vexed questions were finally settled. To a timid suggestion that the line might not pay, Sir Richard Temple is reported to have replied in a remark which coming from the ex-Famine Delegate had peculiar significance. "Think how it will pay in saving life during famine." Sir Richard will be gratified to learn that the report significantly observes that while in 1877-78 the relief works upon the railway saved thousands of people from starvation, the line itself has mitigated the later calamity by distributing thousands of tons of food-stuff for man and beast through all parts of the peninsula.

Mr. J. C. Danvers in his Report on the Famines of India (1878) indicates the several causes, natural and artificial, which have at times produced famines in this country, but India now is so circumstanced and the conditions of the country owing to the accession of the British power so peaceful that internecine wars and Pindari raids are no longer factors in producing the calamity. In future we have only to fear either deficiency of rain or too much rain. The famine of 1878 and the one through which we have just passed have been entirely owing to deficiency of rain, and the table given in the report about the rainfall in the several districts of the State is valuable as showing the extent of the sufferings in each district in proportion to the deficiency in the rainfall. The population of the State is roughly estimated at about five lakhs, of which 59,800 were severely affected, 164,000 were moderately affected and a still larger number slightly affected. The most interesting part of the report is that from which we are able to judge the anxiety of the young Maharaja on account of the impending calamity, and the earnestness with which he set to work for the adoption of measures to mitigate the evils and lessen the suffering of the poor. His Highness, accompanied by his Huzur Secretary and a light retinue, made a rapid tour through the most affected districts, making personal enquiry on the spot and discussing the state of affairs with the local officers and the people themselves. On his return to Bhavnagar his Highness issued orders giving detailed instructions for measures of relief. Warned by costly experiences recorded in the history of famine administration, his Highness took care that so far as possible all the works to be undertaken should be of permanent utility, which while they would give food and employment to the poor and the needy, would prove of lasting benefit to the State in the future. On the Vingorla-Gaddha Road, which was one of the earlier works, no less than 27,479 persons were employed in the second week after the commencement. Another larger and more useful work was the construction of a road, sixty miles in length, from Sanosra to Port Albert Victor on the south coast of the State, and named after Lord Reay. This had, for some years, been kept in reserve as a famine work. Besides these and others under the Public Works Department a good many more were executed through the civil agency. The latter consisted chiefly of the digging of new tanks and wells and the deepening of existing ones at a cost of Rs. 39,695. Before the famine the State had as many as 12,319 wells used for irrigation, and considering the inestimable service which agriculture derives from this form of irrigation, a large number of new pukka-built wells were sunk at a cost of Rs. 1,50,000.

The usual difficulty as to the method of remunerating famine labour seems to have presented itself also to this State and we need refer only to the figures in the report to show how well it has profited by the experience of the Bombay Government in preferring task work to piece work. Besides the above facts the report contains many interesting chapters on charitable and medical relief of the poor. The principal poor-house recently established with the aid of the people of Bhavnagar and the liberality of the Maharaja will hereafter be a central and permanent poor-house. It is named the Maharaja Takhtsingji Poor-house after the late lamented Maharaja, whose work of charity to the poor and the distressed will long be gratefully remembered not only in the Bhavnagar State but in the whole of Kathiawar. The report also gives important tables on the supply of food-grains, cattle and fodder. Under the head of tagavi advances to cultivators, the amount is Rs. 2,89,378, which includes Rs. 32,289 for kos-verat, Rs. 1,10,332 for grass, Rs. 40,000 for seeds for irrigation crops, Rs. 75,000 for seeds for monsoon crops, and Rs. 30,057 in grain for maintenance.

In the chapter on revenue collections and remissions we find that though the full revenue demand for the year was Rs. 24,25,168 the actual collection amounted only to Rs. 10,27,260 or 42·8 per cent. of the total demand, leaving an uncollected balance of Rs. 13,97,908. In this connection it is gratifying to observe, that the young Maharaja has, with unparalleled liberality, remitted the whole of the uncollected balance, and that none of the large sums advanced as tagavi are to be recovered hereafter. His Highness has further ordered the stay of execution of decrees of the civil courts against cultivators. Gratefully appreciating the favour of their Maharaja the cultivators have gone back to their fields, encouraged by the feeling that the year of calamity through which they have passed has left no lingering and clinging burden of taxation behind it, and it is hoped that they will labour with greater energy now that his Highness' generous policy has inspired them with hope and confidence for the future. The total expenditure on famine relief in the State up to 18th September last amounts to Rs. 20,46,736, but it is surmised this will have increased to Rs. 2,20,000 by the time the accounts have been completed. In his concluding remarks, the Chief Secretary, Mr. Prabhashanker Pattani, who had accompanied his Highness during his tour in the famine districts, acknowledges the labours of all the officers in grappling with the calamity and attributes the success of the famine operations to the unfailing and intelligent support which the administration had received from his Highness. The labours of the late Mr. Proctor Sims, the lamented Chief Engineer of the State, have been gratefully recorded in the report. It further mentions the fact that in all that has been done by his Highness he has had the approval and sympathetic support of Colonel Hunter, the Political Agent, and Mr. D. T. Morison, the late Special Famine Officer.

THE Buddhists of Japan have addressed a remarkable Encyclical to "all the ecclesiastics in the world" regarding the situation in China. Lord Salisbury considered it needful to address a few words of admonition to the Christian missionaries at work in China, and the circular which has been issued from the head-quarters of the Great Japan Buddhists Union is a gentle lesson on toleration and certain other virtues not always practised by the zealous proselytizer. Starting from the assumption that the regeneration of the Chinese Empire is to be brought about by religion the Buddhists have begun a new propaganda in China, while they also welcome the Christian missionaries to whose sincerity, enthusiasm, and success they pay a high tribute. But the present outbreak being largely directed against the professors of the foreign religion the Buddhists seek for the explanation of this exhibition of anti-religious feeling on the part of the Chinese people who have been from ancient times remarkable for their tolerance. They find it in the actions of the missionaries for whose deeds they express profound regret. Apprehension and terror of the foreign missionaries, they declare, were virtually the origin of the implacable hostility that gave rise to the present troubles. It appeared to the people that the propagators of the foreign creed had secured for themselves an immunity calculated to subvert the established customs and manners of the country; that they ignored the laws of the State, and protected their followers who happened to commit offences. The writers of the Buddhist statement do not regard the fears of the Chinese as in all respects justifiable but consider the proceedings of the missionaries as incompatible with the principles of universal benevolence to which they should have adhered. They freely admit, however, that the errors committed were the result of accidental bungling rather than deliberate intention. To remove the fear and apprehension of foreigners from the minds of the people the writers of the circular propose that the ecclesiastical authorities all over the world should restrain the missionaries from proceedings which are likely to create suspicion among the Chinese as to their secret connection with the foreign policy of their own countries. A more important point is that they should not be allowed to claim compensation for damages incurred as they have hitherto done, for nothing can be more incompatible with the true principles of religion. The Buddhists have themselves suffered losses at the hands of the Chinese but their attitude in regard to this question of compensation is that expressed by the merciful words "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." "A glance at history," they say, "shows that the great teachers of every religion in antiquity, despite the persecution which they have incurred, have not only not displayed any spirit of hostility or vengeance, but on the contrary have prayed with compassion to have the heavenly blessing bestowed upon the persecutors." In the same strain they earnestly recommend that all propagators of religion in the world instead of holding inimical feelings against the Chinese who have perpetrated so much havoc and atrocity upon the missionaries "should endeavour to do good for evil and supplicate a permanent blessing upon this pitiful race." An exhortation of that kind is especially remarkable when we remember the revengeful spirit in which certain Christian missionaries have called for the heads of the Empress-Dowager and the Chiefs of the Boxer revolt. The second proposal of the Buddhists is that the missionaries in China should be withheld from all forms of procedure which might possibly be regarded as disturbing the social institutions of the Empire. By the adoption of these unaggressive methods they believe the Chinese will be induced to lay aside all suspicion and apprehension and will "appreciate with delight the intrinsic virtues of religion." There are many noble missionaries to whom this exhortation is unnecessary but it will be interesting to see how such an exposition of Christianity from Buddhist teachers will be received at the head-quarters of the great missionary societies in Europe.

THE war in South Africa has been the means of teaching the English nation many important lessons, and every thinking man is agreed that it is necessary to adopt some system by which the forces of the Empire might, as occasion required, be rapidly and effectively increased. Conscription would certainly be effective, but it must be put on one side as unattainable. The Rev. C. G. Gull, head-master of the Grocers' Company School, is of opinion that a great deal can be accomplished by the adoption of military training in secondary schools. At present drill is one of the subjects of instruction laid down by the Charity Commission, which controls the majority of the public secondary schools in England, but unfortunately there is no authority responsible for the supervision of the methods of instruction. School drill is often a means of inflicting punishment, and in many institutions it is neglected or taught to a portion of the school only. The Rev. C. G. Gull is anxious for the War Office to encourage schools to take their part in a system of national defence, and he thinks that military drill should be made an obligatory subject in all schools supported out of the rates. At a meeting of the Incorporated Association of Head Masters, which embraced 450 public secondary schools, held at Cambridge last June, a committee was instructed to communicate with the War Office. The broad principles underlying the Committee's suggestions were that every school should exercise its discretion as to accepting the War Office regulations and inspection, but that all boys in the schools which accepted should go through a regular training in military drill and in shooting as part of the ordinary work of the school. A simple transfer of authority from one Government Department to another is not a very serious change, and to hand over inspectional power with respect to drill from the Charity Commission to the War Office would result in a great increase of efficiency if the necessary organisation were provided and well maintained. In the course of a lecture on the subject the Rev. C. G. Gull said the officer commanding each military district should be responsible for the military instruction in all the schools which adopted the scheme within his district, and to complete the organisation an inspector-general of military training in schools would be necessary. The provision of weapons and ammunition on a scale sufficient to ensure proficiency in all boys of fifteen years of age would be left to Government, and there is reason to believe that a scheme on these lines would be both effectual and cheap.

IT is a matter for regret that Lord Salisbury allowed the prospect of affairs in South Africa to perturb him at the Hotel Metropole on Tuesday night. He spoke, he said, at a time of some anxiety without knowing exactly what had taken place. What has taken place evidently is that General Clements has sustained a defeat and that the enemy has crossed the border into Cape Colony. Temporary reverses come to all generals and in all wars. Lord Salisbury afterwards remarked, however, that the glory of the Empire rests upon the issue of a great enterprise, wherein England must spare no effort to achieve. Nor will England hesitate, no matter what the cost. But it is unfortunate for the reputation of our generals that immediately Lord Roberts goes home the run of bad luck, which dogged their movements in the earlier stages of the campaign, should return.

H. H. the Maharaja Scindia, in his hospital ship, arrived at Calcutta from China at noon on Monday.

SIR A. P. MACDONNELL is making a short visit to Calcutta this week in connection with the Famine Commission.

CAPTAIN WAYMOUTH, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, Nowshera, has proceeded to Egypt to take up the appointment of Financial Secretary, Soudan.

THE Commander-in-Chief will reach Calcutta to-day and probably stay until the end of the month. He is accompanied by the Adjutant-General and his personal Staff.

THE Inter-Regimental Polo Tournament has been fixed to take place at Meerut during the Spring Race week on the 18th, 20th and 22nd February. Five teams have already entered.

SIR BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA has consented to stand for the seat in the Bombay Legislative Council, rendered vacant by the elevation of the Hon'ble Mr. Chandavarkar to the High Court Bench.

Two plague cases and two deaths from that cause were reported in Calcutta on Friday. The total mortality was 115. Five fresh cases of plague were recorded in Calcutta on Saturday, the total mortality being 103.

IT is reported that a company is being formed to open a railway to the Southern Shan States, the Burma Railways Company having declined to undertake the work. Either a tramway or narrow-gauge railway will suffice for this line. An engineer has been sent to reconnoitre and report on the feasibility of the railway.

IT has been decided that the non-commissioned officers sent to Allahabad to be trained as farm managers may be temporarily seconded in their corps after six months, and such temporary promotions may be made permanent after another six months, if the seconded men have not meanwhile rejoined their corps.

THE Government of India has agreed to make a contribution from Imperial revenues during 1901-1902 towards the whole cost of the enlargement and improvement of St. Mark's Church, Bangalore. It desires, therefore, that the necessary arrangements may be made to carry out the whole of the work during that year as a Provincial work. The Government of India will make an adjustment through the Land Revenue head of the sum of Rs. 45,000 in next year's estimates and accounts. The Consulting Architect will have the work entrusted to him for execution.

FOR the first time on record, remark the "Pioneer," the "Gazette of India" appears with the announcement of the appointment of a Russian Consul at Bombay. Have the restrictions on the appointment of British Consular Agents in Russian Central Asia been simultaneously withdrawn? "There is no worse legacy than that of suspicious mistrust of our neighbours," writes Captain Gambier in an article in the new "Fortnightly," urging an Anglo-Russian alliance; and the sentiment is one in which all will agree. But if we are to have a cordial "rapprochement" with Russia in all our relations, political, diplomatic and commercial, there must be advance on both sides. No doubt, however so far as India is concerned this is a matter which may be left with some degree of confidence to Lord Curzon. The present Viceroy is not likely to belie his past by becoming an untempered Russophil.

A RUSSIAN peasant, aged forty, after a short illness, was pronounced to be dead. Three day afterwards the body was taken for burial, and as the coffin was being lowered into the grave the lid was forced off, and the supposed dead man sprang out. He reached home at last, but it was a long time before his friends would venture near.

EARLY ARMY ACCOUNTS.

AMONGST the records of the old Pipe Office is a set of accounts relating to the employment of money advanced by the Treasury to agents or contractors for defraying the expenses of various departments of the Public Service; and contemporary with the Pipe is another set, that of the Audit Office dealing with exactly the same subjects, and serving as a check upon the former. These documents, with a few exceptions, range in point of date from the reign of Henry VIII. to 1832; and though to all outward appearance commonplace and uninteresting, would well repay the investigation of the historian. Little or no use has, however, yet been made of them, though some of the army victualling accounts of the Pipe were referred to by the late Professor Brewer.

Although the entries are of a meagre character, yet it is possible to ascertain from them many facts of considerable importance, and even to work out a connected theory with regard to a given subject, with the assistance of the dates, which are recorded with great minuteness. Above all, such entries have the merit of being an uninterested, and, as it were, accidental record of the events to which they refer. Amongst these accounts, which embrace almost

EVERY CONCEIVABLE SUBJECT OF REVENUE,

those of the Army stand out as at once the fullest and the most important. Under this head are included many branches of the service, but the only ones of any great interest are the two which contain accounts of the contractors and Paymasters of the Forces.

The earliest of these accounts are important for the light they throw on the constitution of the English army in the reigns of Henry VII. and Edward VI., especially with regard to the employment of regular troops for field and garrison service, and of mercenaries.

Hallam, in his well-known sketch of the military polity of England made light of the importance both of the paid and disciplined troops raised by contracts with great noblemen, and of the permanent garrisons maintained on the Scotch Borders especially, and abroad; though with regard to the latter, he admits that his information is deficient, while he makes no mention at all of mercenaries.

The evidence of these accounts, however, shows the ease with which a body either of foreign harquebusiers and lancers, or of efficient English archers and men-at-arms could be raised by the Government whilst the frequent entries for the pay and victualing of the garrisons in the North of England, the Channel Islands, and abroad, and the extensive scale upon which they were conducted, would argue the employment of a large number of permanent troops on this service.

During the latter years of the reign of Henry VIII., and almost the whole of that of Edward VI., constant warfare was carried on with both France and Scotland.

The plan of the operations may be well understood from a perusal of these accounts. They were like the policy which dictated them, of a very desultory character, extending chiefly to the planting and maintaining of Border garrisons and depots. The items, "pay of the garrisons," and "charge of the victualling recur,

WITH UNVARYING MONOTONY.

Examples will be familiar in the case of Berwick, Newcastle, Wark, and Holy Island on the Scotch frontiers, and of Havre, Boulogne and Calais in France.

In 1542, the Earl of Rutland, as Lord Warden, with the Lords Angoyshe, Nevell, and Latimer, commanded 3,000 men on the Scotch Border. During this and the following years strict musters were held of the garrisons, watchmen and spies were liberally employed, and the neighbouring militia occasionally called out to assist the regular troops.

A little later a body of 3,000 "Hispaniardes, Italians, and Albanoies," were serving under foreign leaders, in the garrisons and camps on the Border; and there were also present, on this service a company of "Almaynes," and one of "Irysshmen."

As early as the year 1545-8, we have an account of the expenses incurred in discharging the king's debts for provisions of war purchased in the "base parces of Duchelland," as well as in levying "8 Assignes of Almayne fotemen in the parts of High Almayne."

In 1548 the Government contracted with Sir Conrade Courtepennycke, to furnish 3,000 "Launcknights" out of the districts of Hamburg and Lubeck.

The rebellions in England in the year 1549, gave occasion for the employment of both native levies and mercenaries, though there is no mention here of the German troops maintained at Calais and brought over to meet this emergency. The readiest plan of raising an English force was again found to consist in entering into contracts with certain nobles. Thus the Earl of Warwick and Sir W. Willoughby are empowered, by letters patent, to put in array the king's subjects within their jurisdiction, "meete and hable for the warre," against the rebels in Norfolk. These levies must not be confused with the compulsory service of the militia. The troops engaged were highly paid, the two commanders receiving respectively 10os. and 40s. a day; captains and petticaptains of horse 6s. and 3s.; lances 1s. 4d., and men-at-arms 9d.; while captains and petticaptains of foot received 4s. and 2s.; foot soldiers 8d., and gunners 8d. A surgeon, chaplain, cook, armourer, and lacquey all received the same stipend, 1s. With respect to arms, an entry occurs of the cost of 4 dozen bows and 4 score sheaves of arrows, £13 10s.

Gunpowder, either "Corne" for ordnance, or "Serpentyne" for harquebuses cost 1s. per pound.

ONE CURIOUS ENTRY

is for the cost of a craft toeruise about Lynn, "for feare of th'ennymyes, and to put up the boyes in the haven, yre nede shulde requy." Mary acting apparently by the advice of Philip, brought over, in 1557-8, 3,000 Almaynes, the expenses of whose maintenance are here recorded. This is the only event of importance recorded during the reign, except the expenses of the force raised, but never employed for the relief of Calais.

In the first and second years of Elizabeth there is an account of the pay of the yeomen of the guard, both about the Queen's person and in the Tower. The former, whose numbers varied from 130 to 250, received 40s. a month, or 1s. 4d. a day. The Lieutenant of the Tower, Sir Edward Warner, had a yearly salary of £200; the gentleman-porter £24 6s.; and 27 yeomen warders £12 3s. 4d. each.

The expenses of the army under Warwick, before Newhaven, are largely composed of the charges of coat and conduct money for troops from various countries. Amongst other interesting entries are the pay of the "Blew-mantle" pursuivant-at-arms, 2s. a day, and 6d. for his servant; and 4 preachers at 5d. each, with two assistants at 8d. a day.

Curious specimens of orthography occur in the spelling throughout, of "phipn" for fife, and "Roane" for Rouen. The following entry is significant as to the state of the returned troops:—"The Maior of Rye, for the haife of the fire which he was made for the purging of the ayre—X11s."

EXCEPT THE NORTHERN REBELLION

and the force raised for the pursuit of the rebel earls into Scotland there is little mention of anything but Irish affairs till the Armada. From 1538 to 1584 we have entries which show the progress of English authority in the accounts relating to the victualling of Cork, Waterford, Galway, and Limerick.

The following order for raising troops for Ireland resembles a commission of array. The Earl of Bedford was instructed in 1574 to levy, as Lord-Lieutenant, 1,000 men in the counties of Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall, properly armed for the Irish war. The following directions are given for their equipment. Among every hundred men are to be 3 score "shott," 40 harquebusiers, and 20 archers. The remainder is made up of 20 pikemen, and 20 billmen or halberdiers.

Some light is thrown on the forces at the disposal of the nation at the time of the threatened invasion of the Armada by an account of the exp

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

THE RETREAT OF GENERAL CLEMENTS.

THE ACTION AT NOOITGEDACHT.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

It is believed that Hertzog commands the Boer raid into Cape Colony, of which nothing more has yet been heard.

LATER

It is stated that the invaders of Cape Colony are in two columns, one of them advancing on Philipstown and the other under Commandant Hertzog is believed to be advancing on Cradock.

It is rumoured that General Hector Macdonald was engaged twenty miles west of Burghersdorp with the invaders who had no guns and were being slowly repelled towards the Orange River.

The details of the action at Nooitgedacht state that after the surrender of the Northumberlands, General Clements had only 600 men left. His retreat, which for a distance of twenty miles was harassed by the exultant enemy, was masterly.

The Army Service Corps gallantly assisted in the defence of the waggons under a galling fire.

Colonel Legge shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell.

The wounded from Nooitgedacht being brought to Pretoria state that the Boers removed nine waggons of dead and wounded.

THE COMING ARRIVAL OF LORD ROBERTS.

The special service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Lord Roberts' arrival home has been abandoned and the Thanksgiving Service has been deferred until the operations in South Africa are concluded.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

France restores to China everything taken by the French soldiers except war material.

Prince Ching and Li-Hung-Chang, in reply to M. Pichon's letter regarding the massing of Chinese troops on the Indo-Chinese frontier, have assured him that the movement of troops in that direction is not important and merely intended to repress brigandage.

LORD SALISBURY ON THE SITUATION.

Lord Salisbury, at a meeting of the Conservative Union held at the Hotel Metropole last night, said that he was speaking at a time of some anxiety and without knowing exactly what had taken place.

The glory of our Empire, he said, rested upon the issue of a great enterprise, wherein England must spare no effort to achieve success.

THE QUEEN'S THANKS TO THE AUXILIARIES.

H. M. the Queen, through the Adjutant-General, warmly thanks the Militia, Yeomanry, Volunteers and Colonials for their admirable zeal, discipline and self-sacrifice displayed during the war and relies on them to continue their best efforts to aid the Regulars.

GOVERNMENT APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

The Government have appealed to employers to retain the situation of auxiliary and colonial troops.

A REWARD FOR GALLANTRY.

Mr. Frederick Timme has been gazetted to the Albert Medal for his gallantry displayed during the disastrous cyclone at Darjeeling.

[Our correspondent, writing on September 27, last year, thus described the incident, at Diocesan Girls' High School, in which Mr. Timme distinguished himself :—" The dormitory hurled forward and fell with a terrific crash into the school compound. How all escaped with their lives is marvellous. Miss Stewart was first extricated from the ruins. She then ran to the building occupied by the terrified girls for assistance. Sisters Florence and Grace immediately were in attendance and commenced operations by digging out those who were buried. Little boys behaved with exceptional courage, and Ray Sims, a boy of eight, who had released himself by his own exertions, immediately, without regard for personal safety, commenced to assist in carrying relief to the fellow-sufferers. Gal Gregory was here struck by a heavy beam and pinned to the earth by its weight. He was the last to be extricated, and grave fears were entertained that he was dead. Miss Middleton, however, volunteered to search for him and heroically returned to the dangerous ruins shouting his name. He answered her by saying pathetically, 'I am alive, but I am blind.' Ray Sims was found exerting all his strength to remove the beam. This boy's courage in adhering so faithfully and devotedly to stricken friends amid unspeakable terrors and the awful horrors of such a night called forth general praise. The beam was removed by Miss Middleton, and Ray Sims and Gal Gregory were carried upstairs to the girls. Mr. Timme and his rescue party called twice at the school during the night. On the second occasion Mr. Timme could not communicate with the school on account of the roads having been washed away but he calmly threw himself on the slip and slid down to the building, where the children were. It was a perilous feat, deserving of recognition."]

MAX MULLER MEMORIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

A committee has been formed at Oxford to establish a Max Muller Memorial Fund to promote the study of ancient India.

NEW FORCE FOR GLASGOW.

A meeting has been held at Glasgow, presided over by the Lord Provost, at which it was resolved to form a new citizens' force to be denominated "The Queen's Burghers."

TURKISH CONCESSION TO GERMANY.

A "Daily News" Berlin telegram says it is stated that Germany has received from Turkey the concession for a pearl fishery in the Persian Gulf.

THE FAMINE COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.*

The Famine Commission will consist of Sir Antony Macdonnell and Mr. Bourdillon, Bengal ; Mr. Nicholson, Madras ; and one native gentleman.

Mr. Buckland acts as Chief Secretary, Bengal, during Mr. Bourdillon's deputation.

THE VICEREGAL COUNCIL.

The business at next Friday's Supreme Legislative Council comprises the introduction of the Forest Fire Bill and the reference of the Army Tolls Bill and Assam Bill to select committees.

The Select Committee on the much-disputed Mines Bill will comprise of Sir Edward Law, Sir Allan Arthur and Messrs. Rivaz, Raleigh, Evans, Bose and Smeaton. It will commence its sittings immediately.

THE AGRICULTURAL BANKS CONFERENCE.

The Agricultural Banks Conference commenced its sittings yesterday.

THE PROPOSED STATE BANK.

Opinions of the bodies consulted on the subject of the State Bank question have now reached Government.

* (Delayed in transmission.)

A CRICKETER DIED OF SUNSTROKE.

Lieutenant Forbes, Royal Irish Rifles, died of sunstroke contracted whilst playing cricket at Dumdum yesterday. The funeral took place here to-day.

RECEPTION TO LUMSDEN'S HORSE.

It is now settled that after the arrival of the Troopship Atlantian at the Calcutta harbour Lumsden's Horse will be brought over to Calcutta, where a reception is being arranged, in which H. E. the Viceroy takes part as Honorary Colonel.

NEW TOWER OF SILENCE AT AHMEDABAD.

(FROM CORRESPONDENTS.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19.

To perform the consecration ceremony of the Tower of Silence at Rajkote, Dustursaheb Kaikhusro Jamaspji Jamaspasha, High Priest of the Bombay Parsis, arrived here to-day, with Ervad Edul, &c. Dustoorsaheb Kaikhusro was received at the station by Dustur Jamshedji Muncherji and other Parsees. Dustur Kaikhusro proceeds to Wadhwan to-morrow and thence to Rajkote.

THE KHETRY CONFERENCE.

DELHI, Dec. 19.

Our leading merchant Baboo Juggernanth Khunnah, one of the leaders of the Punjaub Khetry community and president of the Baba Hullojasroy Temple, in Depaulpore, is elected a delegate by the Delhi Khetry Upkarick Sabha to represent them at the first Khetry Conference, to be held in Lahore on the 25th inst.

THE NEW ROUTE TO CALCUTTA.

The Bengal-Nagpur through passenger train from Bombay and Madras to Calcutta began to run on the 14th instant. It leaves Bombay at 8-30 a.m., and is timed to reach Calcutta (Howrah station) at 5-40 a.m., on the third day, thus taking nearly three hours less than two days on the journey. This makes a considerable reduction in the time hitherto lost in transit. The mail service is so arranged that the Bombay Ghats and those between Salekasa and Bortelao are passed by daylight. The Madras train takes five minutes less than 51 hours on the journey from Howrah to Madras, but the return journey requires six hours and forty-five minutes more. The single fare from Bombay to Howrah is Rs. 81-11, the return is double that and four annas extra. There must be some mistake here in the printed placard of times and fares for if no concession can be granted to the purchaser of a return ticket, he need not pay even the small sum of four annas more for the chance of mislaying it. Madras is favoured in this respect by getting a return ticket for forty-eight rupees less than the double fare. Refreshments can be had at eleven stations between Calcutta and Bombay, and at twelve between Calcutta and Madras.

CURRENCY NOTES.

The Upper India Chamber of Commerce has reported on this subject that it doubts whether there is, in the N.-W. Provinces, any deep-rooted prejudice against Currency Notes. Whatever objection to them exists, is apparently their non-convertibility at par. In this connection the Secretary writes—I am directed to quote the following paragraph from a letter addressed by the Chamber, under the 27th December 1899, to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, *vix* :—"As much as eight annas per cent. discount for cashing Government Currency Notes is not unusual in the districts, and during the first week of this month the Bank of Bengal, Cawnpore, have charged as much as four annas per cent. on all Allahabad Circle Notes." In other words, the Notes form, as far as the petty village trader and cultivator are concerned, a discredited token currency, only realizable at a discount, except at the limited number of those circles at which their encashment can be legally demanded."

LUMSDEN'S HORSE.

At a meeting of Volunteer Commanding Officers held yesterday it was decided that before any definite arrangements be made as to the reception of Lumsden's Horse a telegram be sent to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Calcutta, asking whether arrangements permitted of Lumsden's Horse remaining one clear day in Bombay after the arrival of the s. s. Atlantian.

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Can I know through the medium of your column why the railway police authority of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, or the members of the Railway Conference do not summon the station-masters and guards and traffic inspectors to answer for contravention of the regulation regarding overcrowding of carriages, allowing smoking in non-smoking compartments, etc. It daily happens that more passengers are allowed in a compartment than is authorised. The rule is for ten persons in each compartment while the guards and station-masters seem to allow more than that number and even sometimes much more than that. In a recent case in France the manager of the Metropolitan Railway was summoned on 13th November last, for the above offence, and was fined ten shillings for each offence. So for the same complaint a correspondent in London has attracted the attention of the authorities to the mismanagement of railway by writing and quoting the above example in the *Times* of 30th November. So I also beg to draw the Railway Conference's attention through your newspaper.—Yours, &c.,

JEHANGIR B. KOTVAL.

Bandora, Dec. 19.

MILITARY NEWS.

It is notified for information of all concerned that Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Maitland, I. M. S., is placed in charge of Sections "C" and "D" of 46th Native Field Hospital under orders for East Africa, pending the arrival of the Medical Officer to proceed in charge of the same.

NOTES FROM PARIS.

MR. KRUGER'S PILGRIMAGE.

PROTEST AGAINST COLONIAL EXPANSION.

PARIS, Nov. 30.

We have done the French Press the injustice of regarding it, in block, as incapable of taking a sensible view about any subject which gave opportunity for attacking England and taking the side of our enemies. But even while Marseilles was going into hysterics of enthusiasm about the venerable Mr. Kruger, more than one of the Paris papers published very sane and sound criticism of the ex-President. The leading article of the "Siecle," for instance, might have been written for an English journal. "If there are still combatants in the Transvaal, says our French contemporary, it is because all the Boers have not imitated the example of Mr. Kruger, who preferred to seek safety on what he calls free soil. It rested with him alone to make the Transvaal free soil by demanding that all the Outlanders should be free men." Nothing could describe the situation more accurately. The "Siecle" goes on to point out that the guerilla warfare which is still going on is due to the action of the irreconcilables and mercenaries who force back to the ranks, under threat of a loaded rifle, the Boers who have gone back to their farms and are willing to live in peace. Half-a-dozen other Paris newspapers, while less outspoken on Mr. Kruger's conduct, concur with the "Siecle" in telling him that his mission is a hopeless one, and that the French Government is not at all likely to be urged into any action unfriendly to England by the intrigues of the Boer leaders and the clamour of the excitable French mob. These timely hints represent what we may take to be the real feeling of the responsible portion of the French nation. France is sorry for Mr. Kruger, would have liked to see him win, will be polite to him as the fallen head of a friendly Republic, but will not do anything to help him against us. The Republicanism of the Transvaal, in effect, is not worth the bones of one French grenadier.

In spite of the enthusiasm over Kruger at Marseilles, the Riviera in no way shared the feeling, and certainly the commercial representatives would willingly have bribed the ex-President to land anywhere but on their shores. Most of the small villas at Mentone, Nice, and Cannes are letting well but at present many of the larger ones are standing empty. The International Golf Club at Cannes, of which the Grand Duke Michael is president, has opened for the season, and the Syndicat Commercial de Cannes have just inaugurated a new race-course at La Napoule, adjoining the golf links, the prime mover in the affair being the young Purice Serge Galitzin.

In spite of the general desire for colonial expansion by France, there are still some sensible legislators who are not afraid to raise their voice against French foreign policy. In Monday's sitting of the Chamber of Deputies the Budget of the Ministry of the Colonies came under discussion. M. d'Estournelles pointed out the dangers that might arise for France from excessive and exaggerated colonial expansion. He said economic danger might be avoided by encouraging home production and not that of competitors. There is, said he, both political and military danger in continually pressing onward. The occupation of Madagascar at the risk of causing conflict is being changed into annexation, and French dominion in Indo-China has been increased tenfold during the last ten years. I should wish to know whether all these imprudences are going to cease, or whether it is intended to take possession of Yunnan, a province of no value. The missions excite the Chinese, who fear to be deprived of their belongings, and thus trouble and agitation are created." The speaker concluded by declaring that the Government should note that France desired to go no further in the path of colonial expansion.—M. Ursleur, deputy for French Guiana, addressed the House regarding the modifications proposed in the colonial financial system. He said: "It is quite decided that entrenchments will be effected in the Colonial Budget, but it is necessary before all that the colonies should be able to bear the charges imposed upon them, for no means of effecting economy is allowed them except in public works, the most indispensable item of colonial expenditure. The colonial conception entertained by France appears to consist in having vast tracts of land which are not turned to account, whose Budget is absorbed by military expenses, and nothing remains for productive expenditure." M. Ursleur protested against the tariff system applied to the colonies, and concluded by protesting against the application to Guiana of the system of ruling by decree.

Advices from the Moorish capital and ports state that the Sultan is greatly distressed at the risings which are spreading throughout the empire. His Majesty has been informed that the insurgents are armed with the newest pattern of rifles, which have been smuggled into the country by the French, and that French proteges are carrying on an active propaganda. He has, therefore, addressed a strong Note to France protesting against the supplying of arms to the Moors. He also contemplates sending a special mission to M. Loubet with this object. Meanwhile, in order to prevent arms coming in through Ceuta, a special envoy has been sent there to arrange with the Spanish Governor-General for the establishment of a customs frontier line. There are many armed Moors in the vicinity of Ceuta, and the Spanish outposts have been reinforced. The Moors are much exasperated at their treatment by Europeans, and an indiscretion on either side might lead to serious outbreak.

A French author had a conversation with one of the waiters at a restaurant in Paris Exhibition who declared that English ladies were the only really independent women in the world. "An English lady," he said, "will only do what she likes ; she will only eat what suits her ; nothing can persuade her to alter her programme. If one proposes a dish to her she says 'No' in a tone that excludes all discussion. She has arranged her menu beforehand, it is to be cheap and sufficient, and from that rule she never desists. Generally she takes only a slice of meat, to which she adds some savoury condiment which, of course, is furnished gratis. If, after consuming her slice of meat, she still feels hungry, she simply orders another, which is conscientiously eaten without remarking the sarcastic glances of the ladies and gentlemen around her. They may smile if they like ; she takes no notice. On the other hand, a Parisienne is easily led to eat the worst dishes on the menu, if the waiter mentions them in a tone of conviction as to what a fine lady should eat. When she has gone through four courses in that way the waiter asks in a certain tone, 'What does Madame please to take next'? She then allows herself to be persuaded to try this fifth course, which she hardly touchas, vexed that the waiter has led her to order more than her means or appetite can afford, but too weak to refuse if she desires to seem aristocratic. In the end, the Parisienne will pay twenty france, without having really satisfied her hunger, while the Englishwoman, whose bill comes to barely six francs, is perfectly contented and refreshed."

A dispatch from Aniche, in the Department of the Nord, states that an explosion of fire damp has occurred there, causing the loss of many lives. The disaster occurred in the Fenelon pit, which adjoins the Saint Louis mine. A case of dynamite exploded in the mine when sixty men had already descended into the workings, and while a second cage was being lowered. The explosion occurred about five hundred yards down the shaft, and fifty yards from the landing, where the dynamite magazine containing from 150 to 200 kilogrammes is situated. The cause of the disaster has not yet been ascertained. The immediate force of the explosion hurled all the men near it a considerable distance, and some earth fell in, burying several of them. The miners who were waiting to go down the shaft were warned of the catastrophe by thick smoke issuing from the pit, followed by flames, which rose as high as the top of the buildings. The dead were unrecognisable, most of them being terribly mutilated. Fourteen dead bodies, which have been identified, were eventually taken to their former homes, some in sacks and others in hastily made coffins. From early morning relatives of the miners who were down the shaft have been waiting about at the pit-mouth. Some of the victims were only identified by their clothes.

MAGAZINES.

The Art Journal continues its special Paris Exhibition numbers. That for December has a beautiful chrome view of the Swiss Village for frontispiece. A description of the Spanish Pavilion with profuse illustrations gives details of what is said to have been beyond rivalry among the main centres of display. A great charm in visiting this portion of the Exhibition was, it seems, the lordly contempt for the usual restrictions. There were no barriers and no policemen to stop entry, or to circulate the visitors. The Pavilion was in the best style of the Spanish Renaissance. Splendid tapestry clothed the walls and fine old armour was displayed in cases as well as some rare damascened weapons showing the wonderful distinction attained by the enamellers and armourers of the halcyon days of the Hispano-Moors. The Pavilion offered a generous glimpse of the best treasures of Spain. A charming account of the Swiss Village, an absolute contrast to the Spanish quarter is another chief feature of this number. Everything seems to have been carried out with the closest reproduction of Art and Nature in Switzerland even down to the village cascade falling with a perpetual freshness down the face of a very real rock. The Lake with William Tell's Chapel on its gloomy shore is admirable, the roofs in the villages meeting at every angle and at every height are wonderfully like reality. Even the villagers in the streets keep up the delusion, for they are all in costume as natural and unaffected as in their own "dorf." The Bronzes from Tokio are very interesting, vases, birds, figures in groups and single ornaments, show the amazing skill of the Japanese artists. Specimens of glass by Galle of Nancy prove the perfection of art to which the French have attained. G. Kayser of Cologne exhibited some beautiful tinware that is wonderfully decorative. Quaint furniture and metal work by Th. Lambert occupied a good position in the Exhibition, and the pictures make one long to give it house-room. Swiss wood-carving is as usual charming, the specimens being excellently chosen for work and purity of design. Some New York silver work is remarkable for its boldness and effectiveness. Emile Muller's ceramic decorations are fine types of that artist's delightful studies. Among other beautiful work illustrated here, the Stockholm porcelain is attractive in its combination of novelty and simplicity.

The December Century gives as its first contribution on specially fine faced paper, beautifully illustrated in colours, Milton's Ode "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity." There are four good short stories. Two amusing Christmas Extravaganzas, a further instalment of "The Helmet of Navarre," the second part of a very enjoyable story "Her Mountain Lover," two articles on China, a delightful trip "Down the Rhine" by Augustine Birrell, more of "East London Types" by Sir Walter Besant, a suggestive article by W. H. Tolman on "What can be done to improve the lives of workmen." A paper, entitled "Significant Knowledge of the Bible," gives the result of a test at the Hampton Institute for Negro and Indian youth in Virginia, which proved a set-off to the article in the May Century on "Significant Ignorance of the Bible." The examination at Hampton was not prepared, for the pupils were simply summoned, given pen, ink and paper, and the questions and quotations put before them to answer as they best could. Jerome Dowd discusses "Paths of Hope for the Negro." He shows how negro education has up to now erred in the same way as that of the white man, it has been "top-heavy." Colleges and universities develop out of proportion to the common schools. The negro's education errs also on the side of only making him discontented with his life, not fitting him for it.

The current number of The Studio contains an appreciation of the artist, A. D. Peppercorn, by the late R. A. M. Stevenson, with nine specimens of his work. The second paper on garden-making teaches the practical side of this pursuit, and numerous illustrations show what can be done by the flower and plant-lover. Estherwood contributes a paper, a Chromo-Xylography, with a wonderful picture of a tiger in colours, and several other proofs of this wonderful art by different hands. An article on old chased and embossed steel work, by Starkie Gardner, gives a resume with illustrations of the collections brought together in the Burlington Fine Arts Club. Flemish, English, Italian, French early and late designs are shown. An Exhibition paper by Gabriel Mourey takes us round the Austrian Pavilion, where we find delicious designs for furniture, screens and interiors. Studio-talk, is one of the most interesting contributions containing the up-to-date efforts of all artistic centres, Home and Continental.

St. Nicholas for December is, if possible, more full than usual of interesting and entertaining matter. Five good short stories, two serials, no end of verses, a true account of a hundred-mile ride through a hideous storm to save shipwrecked men—all these, profusely illustrated, offer an amount of reading to the little subscribers to the magazine that can hardly be surpassed. The Nature and Science paper attains a high degree of excellence and becomes more consecutive and interesting every month. The riddles and the prize-drawings will prevent the holidays from being a dull or idle time.

KAISERI ORPHANAGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is now a recogized fact that last year's famine has been almost unparalleled during the past century both on account of its severity and wide-spread ravages throughout a great portion of the Indian Peninsula. Sir, at the same time, I beg to assert that our Government with all its shortcomings left no stone unturned to alleviate human suffering and prevent starvation and exposure as far as it lay in its power to battle against this deadly monster. We, Indians, are a grateful nation. We thank Government for the great precautionary measures it adopted for the famine-stricken people during the last famine, and we also thank it for the other measures so pregnant of philanthropy and love which they intend to adopt in future.

The number of persons receiving relief has dwindled down to a small figure and the famine will be shortly an event of past history. But its effects will continue to be felt for a considerable time. Numerous orphans are now located in several districts and our parental Government has taken them under its protection and a very laudable scheme has been adopted in the North-West Provinces. Government is willing to hand over these orphans to any institution, which may properly take care of them and provide for them suitable lodging and other necessary comforts. While Government on its part is also ready to pay Rs. 2-8 per month for every orphan, whose general protection may thus be ensured.

Mr. Munshee Abdul Karim, C. I. E., of Agra, who is the Munshee and Indian Secretary to her Majesty the Queen-Empress, has kindly dedicated a suitable site at Agra, on which an orphanage building may be constructed for these orphans. Acting upon the information received from Mr. Munshee Abdul Karim as well as from Mr. Impey, the Commissioner of Agra Division, I requested my friends in Bombay to join in this noble work and subscribe for this orphanage-building, which is named the Kaiseri Orphanage. The following gentlemen have subscribed their quota to this charitable object, and I sincerely hope that other charitably-disposed persons will also come out to help these helpless orphans :—Sir Dinshaw Maneckjee Petit, Bart., Rs. 500 ; Messrs. Hajee Usman Dawood, Hajee Abdulla Miyan Khandwani, and Badrudin Abdulla Koor, each Rs. 100 ; Hon'ble Mr. Bomanjee Dinshaw Petit, Mrs. Awabai Framjee Petit, Mr. Hajee Karim Mahomed, each Rs. 50 ; Messrs. Ismail Makba, Mahomed Hosein Hakim, Abdul Gafoor Shafi, Khodabakhsh Hafiz, Jeejibhoy Framjee Petit, and Gulam Sarwar, each Rs. 25 ; Messrs. Mahomed Husein Chorgay, Hajee Latiff Ibrahim, and Abdul Karim Pathan, each Rs. 20 ; Mr. Nawabzada Nasrulla Khan, Rs. 15 ; Messrs. Husein Miyan Pathan, Hajee Miyan Pathan, Mahomed Bakhsh, Ibrahim Miyan Koor, and Kasim Alli Munshee, each Rs. 10.—Yours, &c.,

BADRUDIN ABDULLA KOOR.

Dec. 17.

BOMBAY GAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers inform me what has become of the gas supply in Bombay ? In this season of early sunsets, late dawns and much work it is intolerable that we should be deprived of the chief source of artificial light. The gas supplied to us is at all times sufficiently dear—Rs. 6. per 1,000 feet as compared with 3s. 6d. in England—a difference out of all reasonable proportion to the difference in the price of good gas-producing coal in the two countries. We might then reasonably expect to get a passable illuminant. But we do not get it. The pressure is so deficient that a No. 5 burner, which should give a large powerful light, only produces a feeble flame about the size of a copper pice—and not much brighter ; while the amount of smoke that the slightest current of air causes gives one a good idea of the primitive rushlight in adversity. Not only is it bad indoors, but it is equally bad without. The streets, plunged in Cimmerean gloom, are left free to hide their beauties behind the kindly veil of night, and the wayfarer must pick his way along by the aid of the lamps on vehicles and at places where the road is up. It is a notorious and incontrovertible fact that the corresponding reduction in the amount registered by the meter when the pressure is deficient, is not proportional to the loss of total candle-power arising from this defect. And even if it were, that would in no way justify the shortcomings of the supply, since the private installation of pipes, &c., &c., is expensive and troublesome and the public lighting arrangements are subjects of sufficiently heavy taxation. Coal is dear, I admit, but when was gas cheap ? The unsatisfactory condition of public and private lighting is a forcible illustration not only of the evils of a want of competition, but also of the popular notion in India that the vendor must not forego one jot or one tittle of his usual profits, however extravagant, on account of trade fluctuations. What the Gas Company are using at present instead of coal I cannot say—can it be that they are extracting light from the Proceedings of the Municipality ? If so, a gentle hint might be conveyed to them to the effect that gas is not always illuminating. If they are so abjectly unable to fulfil their contracts they had better admit it and withdraw, leaving in the field somebody or something more capable of supplying our needs.—Yours, &c.,

A FACT.

II.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—When will the era of electric lighting dawn in Bombay ? Surely it is time when the wife of the Governor of Bombay H. E. Lady Northcote and a large gathering of visitors and school-children were left in almost total darkness for the space of an hour or an hour and a half on Monday last, in the Town Hall. It was, comparatively speaking, a small matter that the unusually pretty decorations should completely lose their effect by the dim obscurity, "the darkness made visible," in which at last only shadows were seen instead of bright colours and carefully-arranged effects, but the risk of accidents to her Excellency herself and everyone present including the little folks was a far more serious question. Is the Gas Company about to die a natural death like the gas itself on Monday evening ? Approaching dissolution could be the only possible excuse for such a scandalous disregard of due respect to those in authority and of human safety and life.—Yours, &c.,

ONE PRESENT.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

At the weekly meeting of the Municipal Standing Committee yesterday there were present Mr. M. B. Bharbhaya presiding, Sir Balchandra Krishna, Messrs. J. McDonald, Ibrahim Rahimtula, Fazulbhoy Visram, S. D. Khote, K. N. Wadia and Dr. Viegas,

TENDERS FOR SEWERAGE WORKS.

The Commissioner submitted eight tenders received for works in pipe sewers, manholes and automatic flush tanks in the Parel Sectional Sewerage districts. The lowest was that of Messrs. Gulamally Jiwaji and Co., who however did not specify the time in which the work would be completed. The next lowest tender was that of Messrs. Alli Mahomed Kasam and Co., whose amount was Rs. 2,03,835, and after them came Messrs. Sitaram Laxmon and Co., whose tender amounted to Rs. 2,22,343. Both these firms fixed the time for the works at two-and-a-half years. The Executive Engineer reported, that the last-named firm are well-known and experienced contractors in the Municipality, having worked in various contracts for many years, the most important of which was that of laying the 48in. main from Coorla to Chinchpokli, and that among the other works they have completed may be mentioned the house-connection work in Antpadia District, the sewerage of Umerkhadi, and, latterly, the construction of platforms, &c., on the Flats. He added that of the three firms herein described, Messrs. Sitaram Laxmon and Co. are undoubtedly the most experienced and have for years carried out contracts for the Municipality satisfactorily. The Parel Sectional Sewerage is one of the largest contracts that has been given recently, and it is very important that the work should be done in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Under the circumstance, the Commissioner did not think that the additional charge of Rs. 15,478, asked by Messrs. Sitaram Laxmon and Co. above Messrs. Alli Mahomed Kasam and Co., was too large a price to pay for the assurance that the work would be well done. He, therefore, requested the sanction of the Standing Committee to the acceptance of their tender in preference to the lowest.

The Hon'ble Mr. Rahimtula moved that the tender of Messrs. Alli Mahomed Kasam and Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

Mr. McDonald seconded.

Mr. Khote, while agreeing that the lowest tender should be accepted, thought there might be some other reasons why the second lowest tender should be accepted in this case. He moved that the matter be postponed to enable the Commissioner to throw further light on the subject.

Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram seconded the amendment which was carried.

WELLS ON THE ESPLANADE.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Pragmal Liladhur and other residents of Fort, North, stating that they had learnt with extreme regret the intention of the Commissioner to fill in the wells, situated on the Esplanade, near Waudby Road, which come in the way of the vacant land vested in the City Improvement Trust, and which had for years past been used for domestic as well as religious purposes. The petitioners requested the Corporation to ask the Commissioner to allow the wells to stand.

The matter was referred to the Commissioner.

NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION BOMBAY LADIES' BRANCH.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., a lecture was given by Mr. Edgar Faulkner, Organist to the Cathedral, on the "Production of the Voice." The lecturer described the structure of the vocal organs and the method in which the different notes are produced, illustrating his remarks with several songs executed with the perfection of a finished artist. They were received with much appreciation by the audience and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer and to Miss Dumayne who kindly entertained the company. About thirty-five ladies were present.

KENNERY CAVES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In the description of the "Kennery Caves" given in that very interesting and extremely useful annual publication "Maclean's Guide to Bombay" occurs the following passage :—"There is a tradition that an underground passage leads from the Caves to Damaun, and a courageous Portuguese explorer, trying to test the truth of this story, entered the cavern and groped his way along, holding on to a rope, of which his companions held the other end, for seven hours, till the rope and his heart failed him, and he came back again." I would suggest for the consideration of any venturesome individual the desirability of availing himself of the approaching Christmas holidays to attain the honor of practically testing the veracity of this tradition.—Yours &c.,

Dec. 19.

MANX.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.

The Levee held by H. E. Lord Northcote at the Town Hall last evening, was a brilliant function. Since his arrival in Bombay on the 16th February last, his Excellency held a reception at Government House on the 23rd of that month ; and yesterday's was the first Levee ever held by him in Bombay. The attendance was very large ; and representative citizens of all classes, who seemed to vie with each other in their desire to manifest their loyalty to the Throne, were present. The attendance of those entitled to the private entree was large, and among them were the Members of Council, the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court, the Lord Bishop of Bombay, the Officer Commanding the Bombay District, the past and present members of the Bombay Legislative Council, the Sheriff of Bombay, the Municipal Commissioner, the Police Commissioner, the President of the Municipal Corporation, the Chief Presidency Magistrate, &c. The arrangements in connection with the Levee were somewhat different from those held in the Town Hall in the two preceding years ; and were admirably carried out by the staff of his Excellency the Governor. Those entitled to the private entree went in by the main stone staircase and were presented to Lord Northcote who, attended by the members of his staff, stood on the western side of the Grand Hall. Those having the public entry went in by the entrance under the southern porch-way ; and after passing through the Durbar Room were presented to his Excellency the Grand Hall. The lobby and the ante-room were well filled about the time appointed for the function. Lord Northcote, attended by members of his staff, arrived shortly before in a state carriage, drawn by four horses, with outriders ; and was received by a guard-of-honour, composed of 100 rank-and-file of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles. The Volunteer Rifles Band played a selection of music during the time occupied by the presentations. The Europeans were presented to his Excellency by Lieutenant-Colonel Owen, Military Secretary ; and the Natives by Mr. Hill, Private Secretary to his Excellency. A salute of seventeen guns was fired from the land battery in connection with the holding of the Levee. The following is a list of presentations :—

PRIVATE ENTREE.

EUROPEANS.

Atkins Mr J de Courcy
Abercrombie Mr
Baggiano Cav. Claudio Mr
Barrow Mr O T
Burke Mr Charles Toler
Crowe Mr Justice
Chitty Mr C W
Candy Mr Justice
Davidson Major G. R E
Dalhoff Most Rev F. S J Archbishop of Bombay
Douglas James Mr
De Quadros Michael R Kt C S G Mr
Da Gama Dr Accacio Kt C J C
Fee Mr William T
Forbes Mr C H B
Gray Mr Evelyn I C S
Greaves Mr William
Hutchinson Mr F
Henderson Revd J
Homery Mr Jules
Heaven Mr F G
Kennedy Mr Hartley
Kenyon Mr
Lang Mr Basil
Muir-Mackenzie Mr J
Moses Hon Mr S M
Morison Mr W T
Meyer Mr Charles F
McDonald Mr Jas
Nonna M Mr
Rozario Mr Luiz Philippe do
Rivett-Carnac Mr Louis
Schiller Mr Otto
Sanders-Slater Mr J
Tate Mr John
Wenden Mr H C E
Willcocks Mr J
Whitworth Mr G C

NATIVES.

Budroodeen Tyabjee Mr
Bhalchendra Krishna Sir
Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad Mr
Cowasji Hormusji Dr
Dustoor Bomunji Jamaspji C I E
Daji Abaji Khare Mr
Fazulbhoy Visram Mr
Ganpatrao Vinayak Sanglikar Sardar
Ibrahim Rahimtoola Mr
Jamsetji Jejeebhoy Sir
Cowasjee Jehanghier Mr J
Muncherjee C Murzban Mr
Muljee Bhowanidass Barbhaya Mr
Mirza Ali Mohamed Khan
Mirza Abbas A Baig C S
Nowrojee Manockjee Wadia Mr
N G Chandavarkar Mr
Pestonjee Jehangir Mr, C I E
P M Mehta Mr
Rahimtula Mohamed Sayani Mr
Saeedi Ahmad Khan Sir
Vijbhucandas Atmaram Mr

PUBLIC ENTREE.

EUROPEANS.

Abbott Rev J E
Anderson Vety Lt Col
Anderson Mr Frank
Almon Mr W
Aitken, Mr E H
Alexander, Mr H N
Almu, Mr E F
Armstrong, Mr C H
Astell Mr Henry W
Barry Major I M S
Becher Lieut-Col A C Norfolk Regt
Burns Mr Cecil
Bason Mr V Milward
Begbie Mr James
Beauchamp Lieut W G R I M
Bechet, Lt-Col A C Nor Regt
Boileau Capt
Boyd Lieut-Col H W I M S
Bruce A Fairie
Bland Mr T A
Byrne Mr Charles H
Byrne Mr P
Baldrey Vety Lieut A V D
Balfour Mr J A
Barraclough Mr L, I M S
Balfour Lieut R I M
Ballantyne Lt E W 19th B L
Brewin Mr F C
Brown Lieut P G Royal Navy
Bean Mr Percy
Burnett Capt S H I M S
Banbury Lt R E
Bannerman, Major W B I M S
Baptista, Mr Thomas,
Barham, Rev C M
Barry, Major Collis, I M S
Barron Lt W E, R E
Barwick Comdr F R I M
Bennett Mr T J
Bannerhassett Col R A M C
Boston Maj C E Nor Regt
Bowen Mr
Brito Dr A
Brito Mr J L
Bradley-Birt Mr Francis B
Bradshaw Mr
Burke Capt Royal Arty
Chalmers Mr H
Carpenter Lieut R A 7th B I
Chichester Capt A 28th P I
Campion Capt R W G I P Ry Vol
Crofton Mr
Crawford Mr H
Close Capt Norfolk Regt
Clark Mr C J
Clarke Mr, Frank J
Canus Lt-Col W F 21st B I
Carry Capt R A
Chalk Mr Oliver
Chailey-Bert Mr Joseph
Cowan, Capt I S O
Covernton Prof A L
Dracup Mr J W S
Doane Mr J R
Davey Mr J H
Drankwater, Rev F,
Dalgliesh Mr
Dick Mr J M
D'Silva Dr D M
D'Almeida Mr J D
David Mr Stanton J
Dawson Mr E F
Duncan Mr A E C R N
De Burgh Lieut F R M
De Cunha Dr John
Dannreuther, Lieut Col, I M S
Durnford Mr C E
Evans Capt S, I M S
Elford Mr Charles
Edwardes Capt S M
Elsworthy Mr E H
Elford Mr John J
Edwardes Mr S M
Edwardes Lt A C Bo Gre
Emminghaus Mr Walter
Everett Lt Wel Regt
Ezekiel Mr Josheph
Fiewker Mr J F
Ford Lieut C R I M
Folliott Surgeon E, R N
Fosbery Mr A C W
Farewell Capt C B R E
Fernandez Mr D
Flower Mr Frank M
Fraser Dr D S
Graham Mr W Drummond
Graham-Simpson Mr A
Gray Rev R M
Gordon Mr F F
Garrett Mr A J
Gosling Mr D
Geddes Mr M H B 4th M P
Good Sub-Lt C R, R I M
Gibson Dr F M
Gell Mr
Gadsden Mr F O
Glover Mr W M
Gonsalves Mr Gaspar
Gonsalves Dr G F
Greaves Mr Herbert R
Greengrass Mr W
Greet Capt R N
Gundry Rev R Hugh
Hall Mr C N
Hudson Capt C T I M S
Beene Rev J
Humphrey Mr John
Hartley Mr L W
Hampson Mr Stanley
Herbert Major H I M S
Hall Rev W S
Howard Mr W H R
Haffkine Mr W M
Hewett Comdr G S, R I M
Hamilton Mr

Wilson Mr W G
Wait Rev Herbert L
Woolcombe Reginald
Walsh Mr J
Wallace Mr John
Wallace Mr C B
Willis Mr Richard A
Young Mr C P R
Yorke-Smith Mr F

NATIVES.

Abdool Kazak Curtas, Khan Bahadur
Ali N Tyabji Mr
Ali Asghar H Fyzee Mr
Ali Akbar Mr
A S Moos Khan Saheb
Abdool Rehman Kadwanee, Khan Bahadur
Abdoolabhoy Lalljee Mr
Abdul Karim Munshi Mr
Abula R Sayani, Mr
Abdoola Haji Dawood Mr
Ahmedbhoy Habibhboy Mr
A V Yelkar Dr
A D Mody Dr
Ameeroodin Tyabjee Mr
Amichand Panalal Mr
Anandrao Narayen Dabholkar Mr
Behramji Nauroji Darabsett, Dr
Balkrishna Biwaji Tanaji Rao Saheb
Babaji Gassinathji Mr
B H J Rustomji Lieut S V R
Bomanji Byramjee Patell Khan Bahdur
Behramji Nowroji Gamadia Mr
Burjorji Dadabhoy B Jijibhoy Mr
Byramji Dadabhoy Khan Bahadur
B T Sahanabudha Mr
B N Horse-dealer Dr
B T Sanasrabudhi Mr
Balajee Martand Kerjab Rao Bahadur
Bejonjee Dadabhoy Kapadia Dr
Bezonjee N Capadia, Mr
Bhagwandas Narotamdas Mr
Bhagwanlal Panalal Mr
Bhaskar Mahadev Pandit Mr
Bhaskerao Sewram Chemburkar Mr)
Bhicajee Ratanjee Rana, Khan Saheb
Bomonjee D Pudumjee Mr
Byramjee N Servai Mr
Currimbhoy Ebrahim Mr
Choonilal Punnalal Mr
Choonilal F Dalal Dr
Cumrudin Amirudin, Mr
Dadabhoy Nusserwanji Kermawala Mr
Dewjee Odhowjee Chothanee Rao Saheb
D R Tata Dr
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D J Mantri Dr
Damodar Gordhandas Mr
Damodar Lukmidas Khimji
Darashah D Reporter Mr
Dhanjibhoy Nowrojee Mr
Dinanath Balkrishna Dr
Dinshaw Muncherjee P Mr
D J Tata Mr
D N Bahadurji Mr
Dossabhai K Patel Dr
Dosabhai R Bardi Dr
Dost Mohamed P M Mr
Dossabhoy R D Setna Mr
D R Khote Mr
Dadabhoy Hormasjee Mr
Dady N Dady Mr
D K Desai, Rao Saheb
Darasha R Cishgur Mr
David Moses Subnedar
Dawood F P Mahomed Mr
D D Kpadia Mr
Ezechiel Miss
Edaljee R Reporter Mr
E E Khote Mr
Ebrahimbhoy M Ramjee Mr
Ebram H Haroom Mr
E J Treasuryuale Mr
Ellapa B Rao Bahadur
Framjee Dorabjee Panday Mr
Fazulbhoy Jumabhoy Laljee
Furdoonjee Merwanjee Banajee Mr
F N Bisni Dr
F P Talyarkhan Mr
F S Kapadia Dr
F Jewajee Khan Bahadur
Fatehally S Ahmed Mr
Fazulbhoy C Ebrahim Mr
Fazulbhoy G Gangjee Mr
Framjee Shapurjee Dr
Framjee F Karaka Mr
Furdonjee M Banjee Mr
Furdoonjee J Parukh Mr
Ganpatrao Chimnoba Tatia Mr
Gopaldas Khooshaldas Rao Saheb
Goverdhandas Goculdas Teizpal Mr
G N Nadkarni Rao Bahadur
Godrez D Tudumjee Mr
Gordhandas S M Mr
Govind B Kher Dr
Gulambeen C E Mr
Harischandra Pandurang Pitale Mr
Hajee Yoosof Hajee Esmail Sabani Mr
Hassumbhoy Rahimtoola Khairaz Mr
H H Wadia Mr
H N Seervai Dr
H C Coorlawalla Mr
H L Batliwalla, Dr
H S Knaill Mr
H S Dikshit Mr
Hajee Abdoolsattar Hajee Oomer Sooh Mr
Hajee Ahmed Dewjee Mr
Hajee Esmail Hajee H M
Hajee Mahomed Hajee Esmail Sobani Mr
Hajee M Hassam Mr
Hajee S A Wahid Mr
H S Abdool Wahid Mr
Harischandra S Mr
Hasanali M Hakimjee Khan Saheb
Hassumbhoy R Khairaz Mr
Hassumbhoy Visram Mr
Himatlal Dhirajram Rao Bahadur
Hormusjee Dadabhoy Mr
Hormusjee D Pandunjee Mr
Hormusjee Sorabjee Mr
Hurishchundra J Goregaoker Mr
Hurjivan S Rao Saheb
Hurkisondas N Mr
Husain B Tyabjee Mr
Ismael A Laljee Mr
Jeejeebhoy Framjee Patel Mr
Jaffer Rahimtoola Kaderbhoy Mr
Jamsetji Curseiji Dubash Mr
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Jamsetjee Ardaseer Wadia Mr
Jehanjir Bomanjee Petit Mr
Jivanji Jamshedji Modi Mr
J C Merchant Dr
J D Kotatkar Mr
J E Modi, Mr
J M Curseijee Mr
J S Vakil Dr
Jaffer R Kaderbhoy Mr
Jagmohandas V Bhisett Mr
Jugmohandas V Mr
Jaithabhoy V Mr
Jaibhoy Ardeshir Sett Mr
Jamsetjee C Dubash Mr
Jeejeebhoy F Dinshaw Petit Mr
Jeejeebhoy M Merwanjee Jeejeebhoy Mr
Jehangir B Spencer Dr
Jehangir D Framjee Mr
Jehangir Edaljee Davar Mr
Jehangir Guziar Mr
Jehangir R M Master Mr
Jugmohandas M Nathoobhoy Mr
Kalabhai Lalubhai Mr
K G Desai Mr

Kanji Bhugwan Bhagat Rao Sahib
K Subramani Aiyar Mr
Keshowrao Bhaskerjee Rao Bahadur
Krishnalal M Jhaveri Mr
Kaliandas Keshavdas Mr
Kawasjee Dadabhai H Dubash Mr
K N Kabraji Mr
K B Shroff Dr
Kaikhosru Dosabhoy Framji Mr
K A Ghaswalla Mr
K D Wadia Mr
K B Mistri Lt-Col I M S
K K Seervai Mr
K R Cama Mr
Khimji Jairam Naranjee Mr
Kaikhusru F Medi Mr
Karimbhoy A Peerbhoy Mr
Kawasji K Dadachanji Mr
Kawasjee B Setna Mr
Keshowjee N S Rao Bahadur
Ksaja Abdulla Dr
Khunderao Morarji Mr
Khurshedjee N Wadya Mr
Kushaba C K Rao Bahadur
Kazi Mahomed Ali Munjee Khan Sahib
Krishnaji C K Rao Bahadur
Laljee Bhimjee Mr
Lakhmidas Bhimji Mr
Lakhamsee Nappoo Mr
Lallubhai Samaldas Mr
Limjee Nanjee Mr
Mahomed Alli Jinnah Mr
Madhavarav B Nikambe Rev
Maneckji Jamserji Chandana Khan Saheb
Manekjee F H Settna Mr
Markand N Mehta Mr
Mirza Ali Mohammed Khan Mr
Mirza Hoosein Khan Mr
Muncherji Edulji Morris Mr
Munji Nathoobhoy Mr
Mohammed Hussein Hakim Mr
Manchershah Navrojee Kapadia Mr
Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy Ebrahim Mr
Manekji Peston Asavaidji Mr
Munmohundass Ramji Mr
Motilal Jamnadas Shroff Mr
M B Cola Dr
M N Thakore Mr
M N Wadia Mr
M G L Pasta, Mr
Magaalal K Pandit Mr
M K Nariman Khan B
Mathradas Gokuldas Mr
Minacher J Dastur Mir Ann Ali Mr
Moolji N Kheraj Rae Saheb
Morarji J Naranji Mr
Motilal Kanji Mr
Motilal J Kanjo, M
M K Nariman, Dr Khan Bahadur
Nowroji D D Mr
N M Patell Mr
Narayan Vishnubak Vaidya Rao Bahadur
Nowrosji Jehangir Gamadia Mr
Nowrojee Jamsetjee Antia Mr
Nagindas Jumnadas Shroff Mr
Naro Bhaskar Deodhar Mr
Nawabzada Nasrulah Khan Mr
N A F Moos Mr
N G Wilinkar Mr
N N Saher Mr
Nanabhoy DBanajee Mr
Nanjamudin Tyabjee Mr
N M Patel Mr
Narotamdas Purshotamdas Mr
Nanabhoy M Rao Saheb
Narandas Purshotamdas Mr
Narayen R Rao Saheb
Navrojee J Guzder Mr
Nassurbhoy A L Mr
Nesserwanjee S J Mr.
Nusserwanjee K Chubb Mr
Pheeroze Hoshang Dastoor Mr
P H J Rustomjee Mr
Perceshaw B R Mody Mr
Purshotam Odhowjee Rao Saheb
Purshotum Hurichand Dr
Purshotumdas Manguldas Nathoobhoy Mr
Purushotam Balkrishna Joshi Mr
Pallunjee Pestonjee Raghina Khan Sahib
Pranjivundas Luxmidas Rothari Mr
Pestonjee Kavasjee Mr
Pestonjee M Kanga Mr
Poorunmull G Singhanee Mr
R D Karanjia Dr
R K Dadabhanjee Mr
R D Settna Mr
R S Tipnis Mr
R M Kalapesi Dr
R N Ranina Dr
R B Najmudar Mr
R M Master Mr
R K R Cama Mr
R J C Jamsetjee Mr
R M Pateil Mr
R V Purshotumdass Mr
Rahimtoola Khatraz Mr
Ratansi Lilladhar Mr
R T Nariman Dr
Rustomjee Byramjee Jeejeebhoy
Rajabally V Patel Dr
Ratanlal M Mody Mr
Raoji Vinayekrao P Sunkersett Mr
R N Motabhoy Mr
S B Spencer Mr
S V Karmarkar Mr
S R Bhandarker Mr
S L Batliwalla Dr
S S Miser Rao Saheb
Sadanand T Kale Mr
Sarabhai V Govishankar Mr
Shaik I H Khan Saheb
Shamrao M Rele Mr
Shamsuram J Mr
Shivdas P Dr
Shivajee Dharmaje Mr
Shiavax K Kabraji Dr
Shivram V Bhandarkar Mr
Sorabjee B Master Mr
Sorabji C Hormajee Dr
Sora ji Nowroji, Dr
Sorabjee P Frenchman May
S G Velinker Mr
S D Khote Mr
Salleh Mohomed Ibrahim Khan Sahib
Sharaf Alli Mamooji Mr
S G Sathe Mr
Shaik Adam Essuffbhoy Mr
S V Kantak Rao Bahadur
T B Nariman Dr
Tribhowandass Mungulddass Nathoobhoy Mr
Tribhovandas V Mr
T F Raje Bhosle of Akalkote State
Tulsidas L Mody Mr
Vamanrao D Pitale Mr
Vishvanath P Vaidya Mr
V S Trilokekar Mr
V K Wandakar Rao Bahadur
V P Chavan Rao sahib
V M Pakvasa Mr
Vinayakrao Dhundiraj Bivalkar Mr
Vussonjee T Muljee Mr
Virchund Dipchund Mr
Vinayekrao G Khotare Mr
Vithaldas Samaldas Mr
Vadilal T Parikh Mr
Vinayak Sadanand Joshi Mr
Waslekar Mrs
Wamanrao Nana Moroba Mr
Yusuf A Dharamsi Mr

The following gentlemen were unavoidably prevented from attending :—

EUROPEANS.

Blakeman Mr W A
Bocarro Mr Joseph
D'Souza Mr L J E
Hanson Mr F W
Hardcastle Mr Frank E
Hoskyn Major
Powell Mr
DeQuadros Dr J I
DeQuadros Mr J P
Stiven Mr J
Strick Capt Y A
Sidney Smith Dr
Webb Mr W

NATIVES.

Balcrishna Wassoodev Pandurung Mr
Bhaskerao Balcrishnaji Pitale Rao Bahadur
Ismail Jan Mahomed Dr
Jamsheedjee Merwanjee Antra Mr
Mahomedbhai Nansee Khaisar Mr
Noordin Ebrahim Noordin Mr
Shivlal Motiram Rao Saheb

BY THE FRENCH STEAMER.

THE following is the list of passengers on Board the s. s. "Aanam, sailing from V. Dock, No. 2, to-day, at 8 a.m., for Aden, Suez, Port Said and Marseilles:—

For Marseilles.

FROM NAGASEKI TO PORT SAID.

Mr Kromin
Mr Rubaheffsky
Mr Sokeloffsky

FOR MARSEILLES.

Prince and Princes Out Kousky
Capt Martinoff
Mrs de Melly and daughter
Miss Demaison
Mr and Mrs. Guibal and 3 children
Mr Lubiois
Mr Ravand
Mr Generry
Mrs Lonnet
Genl Dumas
Mr Theurnot
Mr and Mrs Pehacot
Mr Lire
Mr Desbordes
Mr Gillet
Mr Rancoules
Mr Causse
Mr Rana
Mr Antheman
Mr Durwell
Capt and Mrs Bartrandom
Tister Gabriellee
Capt Mrs and Miss Bretheuton
Capt Cassin de ra Loge
Mr Karmann
Mr Michaud
Mr and Mrs Tenlarde
Baron Vanzelles
Miss Jolmet
Mr de Desert
Mr Milusequo
Mr B F Maone
Mr K J Kotwal
Capt de ra Cuasen
Mr O Winter
Mr Gr Altumayer
Mr J Sladen
Mr and Mrs Norman
Father Augustin
Mr Victor Andrea
Miss Hedrew
Miss Jeaunette
Mr Jackson
Mr R M Tagore
Mrs C Bizen
Mrs M S Limond
Miss Jackson

40 deck passengers for Aden;

THE GUZARAT REVENUE INQUIRY.

ON Monday when the Revenue inquiry was resumed at Hansote it was found that witnesses, from the village of Kathodra whose examination had been fixed for that day were not present. Mr. Behramjee Dossabhai, Mahalkari of Hansote, was therefor called. He stated that in 1895 and 1896 the crops were good and the Government revenue was recovered without any difficulty. It first began to run into arrears in 1897-98. Among the villages which could not pay the revenue were Kathadra, Amade, Sasol, Soonev, Kodara, Balata, and Doongra. On the 15th September, 1899, there were about nineteen villages in arrears, and the total amount due from them was Rs. 3,730. In most of these villages attachments were made. A general notice was given in all the villages, and especially to those who would not willingly pay the revenue. Nothing was done by the Mahalkari to put the notice into effect. The notice was given by order of the Collector; The people did not act up to it and bring their produce to the "khal" or place allotted by Government for each village. The total assessment of the taluka was a lakh of rupees a year, but only half the amount was recovered, in the years 1895, 1896, and 1897 no difficulty was felt in obtaining payment. In the following year there was not a good crop, except this there was no just reason for witholding payment of assesement. The only difficulty in the way was the constant struggle that had been going on between the chief sharers of the village and their sub-sharers as to who should pay the assesment. In a bhagwari village the chief sharer was originally responsible for the payment, but nowadays the revenue is being recovered from the sub-sharers. The Khatas are in the names of the chief sharers only and hence the difficulty in finding out the names of the sub-sharers. The chief sharer did not pay the dues, because his land was liable to be forfeited in the end. The sub-sharers knew this and took advantage of their position. Moreover, they knew that their partnership was not likely to be dissolved and the chief sharer would not allow his land to be confiscated. If the shares were to be put up to auction, there would be no bidder. The people were clannish and bound to each other by family ties. The Mahalkari said this from his experience of the Balota, Obha, Samli, Kathodra and other villages, where certain properties were put to auction, but no bidder came forward.

At this stage of the proceedings the witnesses from Kathodra arrived, and the Court proceeded to record their evidence.

Bhana Kohaya, a bhagdar of Kathodra who has 100 bighas of land in his name, said he pays Rs. 250 a year for assessment. The people of his village have had to fight against bad times these five years. In 1896 he owed a balance to Government, for which an attachment was issued. He was not at home when it was put into effect. The lock on the door was broken open and among other things a brass cup, bedding, cots, a mill-stone, a threshing frail, grain and a buffalo were seized. The things were removed to the "utara" and he afterwards redeemed them by pawning his wife's ornaments and an ox. He had obtained tagavi three times, about Rs. 110 in all. Out of this he paid Rs. 27 for the balance of revenue due and an instalment on account of an earlier advance of tagavi. Before the famine he had 21 cattle, but only three now survived. The rest died from starvation.

Kala Bhagwan, lately police patel of Kathodra, accompanied the talati of the village to make attachments in the year before the famine. Wheat, jowar, cotton, pots, and other valuable articles were generally seized. In some cases the articles attached were sold by auction.

Bai Pemi, a deaf woman, stated there was an attachment against her in 1898 for assessment due from her. A worn-out bedding was seized. She was compelled to leave her hut, and a paper was stuck on the door. It was opened a few days afterwards She was supported by a neighbour during the interval. As she could not pay the assessment, she was prevented from tilling her land, which measured 40 bighas, until last Shravan, when it was almost too late.

Bhana Kohaya, the second witness examined had in his statement before the Hon. Mr Parekh, declared that after the attachment in his hut it was closed and an iron ring was put in the door. The truth of this statement was attested to by other witnesses from Kathodra, but in their evidence on Monday they pretended ignorance on the point. They had not seen the ring themselves, but had heard about an iron ring having been used for securing the doors of the houses where attachments were made.

FOUR DAYS WITH ROGUE ELEPHANTS.

CAPTAIN WILKINSON, A. D. C. to H. E. the Viceroy, during the Viceregal visit to the Kakenkote Kheddas on the 2nd instant, had four days' elephant shooting, and succeeded in bagging a fine large rogue eleghant, a dangerous brute, Charles Theobald, a young local shikari, was deputed to accompany Captain Wilkinson during his trip. The first day the party went after a rogue that was marked down the previous day. They were on his tracks in a dense thorny jungle, when they suddenly became aware of the fact that the elephant was tracking them, and before Captain Wilkinson and young Theobald could rush and get a shot at him, he suddenly turned and got into the jungle, which was almost impenetrable. The sportsmen followed the brute with the hope of getting up to him in some open patch, but were disappointed, and as it was getting dark they had to give up their stalk and returned to camp.

The following day the elephant's tracks were again taken up and followed, but as they led into the Wynaad Forest, pursuit had to be given up. On the third day, the 7th instant, the sikar party came on the fresh tracks of another rogue elephant at the back of the Kheddas, and about a couple of miles from the Viceregal camp at Kakenkote. The tracks were taken up and in a few minutes the elephant was he ard breaking bamboos in very thick jungle. He was carefully stalked to within 15 yards or so. Captain Wilkinson was just able, after a long wait, to see his head and got a favourable shot when he fired. The elephant fell, and two more balls were put into his head. He then got up and rushed through the jungle, and was followed for some distance, but the beast still kept ahead in spite of the enormous quantity of blood he lost. He was a good sized tusker. As it was impossible to follow him further in the thick stuff, he was given up.

On the fourth day, the 8th instant, the shikarles took a new direction and soon found the fresh tracks of a rogue elephant and followed them a couple of miles or so, when they came up to him. He was feeding in a hollow and the wind being in his favour he soon scented his enemies and came for them. Captain Wilkinson and young Theobald waited till he got to within a few yards, when Captain Wilkinson fired and brought him down. While he was down both "pumped" lead into him to make sure he would not get away. He was a huge brute 10 feet high, but unfortunately with only a single tusk. His appearance denoted him a very vicious one. As soon as the rogue was killed it was seen that he had a companion in the shape of another rogue, but a "muckna" (a tuskless male), which saved him following the fate of the tusker, as he presented an easy shot.

On the 9th instant, Captain Wilkinson, accompanied by Mr. Albert Theobald and his son, went to examine the elephant shot the previous day and to remove the trophies. When the party got to the spot, they heard elephants breaking bamboos not far from the carcase of the dead one. It was soon ascertained that there were three other rogue elephants, two "muckmas" and one tusker. But as Captain Wilkinson was pressed for timeand had to leave for Madras, he had to forgo the pleasure of bagging another elephant. About half-an-hour after the party had left the carcase, after giving instructions to the men for cutting out the tusk and pads, the tusker rogue came up to the men working on the dead elephant and scattered them. It was with difficulty they succeeded in driving him away. In the short space of five days the party met no less than seven rogue elephants within a radius of 4 or 5 miles from the Viceregal camp at Kakenkote.—*Madras Mail.*

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

SAILING RACES FOR NEXT SATURDAY.

"TOMTIT" Class Race.—Start (in cruising trim) at 3 o'clock p. m, Course No. 15.

Yachts Handicap Race.—Start with handicap allowances in hand, first yacht going at 3-15. All yachts to sail in cruising trim and with towing dinghies. Course No. 16.

Entries for both the above races close at noon on Friday.

There will be no ship's boats race.

AMERICAN paper-makers, newspaper proprietors and publishers are watching with intense interest some important developments which are about to take place in the paper trade. The National Paper-making Company, a new corporation with a capital of £1,000,000 sterling, will shortly begin to manufacture paper from the waste hulls of cotton-seed, billions of tons of which lie piled up all over the south of the United States, constituting the refuse of hundred of cotton-seed oil mills. The company controls a new process for manufacturing from this material a new pulp, which will keep white and never turn yellow as wood pulp does. Moreover, it only costs £5 per ton, whereas wood pulp costs £15 per ton. The new company intends to wage a commercial war against the International Paper Company.

THE AUSTRALIAN DIVORCE CASE.

PLOT AND COUNTERPLOT.

EXTRAORDINARY REVELATIONS.

AT Sydney, on the 26th ultimo, the charge against Ernest Robert Abigail, solicitor, of endeavouring to persuade Thomas Coogan to make a false statement in the divorce suit of Conyngham v. Conyngham, in which the Rev. Dr. O'Haran is joined as correspondent, was heard. The court was densely crowed. Dr. O'Haran being among those present. Mr. J. Want, Q.C., and Mr. A. G. Ralston appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Gannon repreesnted the defendant.

Thos. Coogan, manager of a dyeing establishment, deposed that he knew Abigail intimately, but knew nothing of the divorce case until he saw it in the papers. On 13th inst., Abigail came to witness's residence in Paddington on a private matter, and witness asked how he was getting on with the divorce case. Abigail replied, "All right. I only wish I had you for a witness in it. Witness replied, "What could I do, as I know nothing at all about it?" Defendant said, "That would be all right. I could tell you what to say I will make it worth your while to, and will give you a couple of hundred quid. All I want you to say is that you saw Dr. O'Haran and Mrs. Conyngham visit a certain house. I would draw up a statutory declaration, and get you to sign it." Witness then left, and next day went to see Mr. Thomas Slattery, knowing he was acting for Dr. O'Haran. He made a statutory declaration on that day and saw Abigail on 15th. They went into his private office, and defendant said: "You'll have to be very careful in this matter, and not tell anyone about it; not even your wife. If you do, we are liable to be arrested for conspiracy. Do you know an old man named Kelly, who used to work at the priest's house at St. Mary's?" Witness replied he had known the man when at school. Abigail said: "I want you to say that from something he told you, you watched Dr. O'Haran and Mrs. Conyngham. He has no chance of contradicting you. He is dead and in his grave. If he were alive I might have had him as a witness." Witness inquired, "Did you get a statement from him before he died?" Abigail replied, "No. I was not connected with the case then. Supposing you were to get £500 what would you do with it? Would you put it in the bank at once?" Witnes, said, "No." Defendant rejoined, "If you did, of course they would smell a rat. If they know you hadn't got a bean before this case, and that after it was over you had a flourishing account, they might pinch you." Later on witness was taken by Mr. Slattery to Mr. Fosbery, and the superintendent of dectectives. On the night of the 15th inst., four people came to his house. Abigail and witness conversed in the diningroom, from which a window opened out on to the kitchen. Two of these four people were located in the kitchen, and two under the window. When witness saw Abigail coming he said, "Come in, Ernie; there is noone here." Abigail came in, and sat down on the only chair, which was near the open window, and commenced conversing about another case. Then he said, "Well, what about this matter." Are you going to take it up! Witness said, "It all depends what are the terms upon which, you want me to take it up?" Abigail said,"

I MIGHT MAKE IT £500,

or else you and I will go whacks. That is, we will halve whatever I get. When the case is over you can come into my office, examine my books, and see what I get out of it myself." Witness said, "Yes, but I am not going to look to Conyngham for anything." He answered, "I am Conyngham's solicitor, and whatever damages arise out of the matter I get. My costs alone will run into £600 if all goes well; therefore you won't have to look to Conyngham at all. I get the money, and he has to look to me for anything, you know, Tom. I never go back on a pal. I always keep my word. You want to be very careful. I have been told in town that three of us are going to be pinched over this matter. Whatever you do, don't breathe it to a living soul. I will not get you to swear a declaration at present, as I have about 25 witnesses readied in the affair I don't know which of them I'll call. Anyhow, their evidence will want corroborating. You go and see Mr. Kelly; tell him a tale that I'll make it worth his while to come to me and make a declaration. Ask him to say that he saw Dr. O'Haran and Mrs. Conyngham in the fern house on the night of the carnival. Tell him it will be worth £1000." Abigail here explained that Mr. Kelly had terrible "nark" on Dr. O'Haran, and then he resumed:—"See Miss Hennessy and try to induce her to do the same. She works at the priest's house, St. Mary's. I want you remind her of removing the sofa either to or from the doctor's room, and also to find where his room was situated, as they did not know that. The sofa episode was about 18 months ago." Abigail also said, "Try and get the manwho fixed on the blind in the doctor's room. When the case is all over and settled, you can give your wife £100, and you and I will go on an expedition. You'll have to change your name on the voyage as you might get shot. I have got Conyngham coached up very well. When he is in the box he is to break down, crying every few minutes. I have got him to do it to perfection, so that the judge and jury will sympathise with him. Mrs. Conyngham is all right. The other side could not square her for £10,000. She is too staunch. We see her every day, and we won't subpœna her till the very last minute. I have a relative of Tyson's as a witness, but I don't think I'll call her. We are going to have Mr. Shand and Mr. Garland as counsel, as they are two Presbyterians. It is costing me £70 out of my own pocket to fee them. After the case is over,

I AM GOING IN FOR MONEY LANDING,

and will laugh up my sleeve at the flats who will borrow. It will take £15,000 to square this case, as a bird in hand is worth two in the bush." Abigail then left witness's house. The four men who had concealed themselves were in good positions to hear everything that was said. Witness remembered Abigail saying, "Before the case comes off I will get a panel of the jury. I have the right of striking out six names. Then you can go round, get their strength, and square them if you can."

He was doing it from a sense of duty, and not because he was a Roman Catholic. Abigail did not say, "Well, if you do know anything about it, you might as well go down to St. Mary's and inquire."

Patrick Francis Meagher, formerly articled clerk to Slattery, gave similar evidence. Cross-examined, witness said that Dr. O'Haran was a personal friend of his. He did what he did, because he did not believe the charges, and because he wanted to see if all the men turned up at the house as agreed upon. He was proud of the part he played in the attempt to frustrate an infernal plot against Dr. O'Haran.

Henry James Grimshaw, conductor of a private inquiry office, said he was employed by Slattery to watch the proceedings in the Conyngham divorce suit. He was engaged in October, and on 15th inst., he arranged to visit Coogan's house, and obtained several men to assist as witnesses. Witness then repeated what was said by Coogan and Abigail in corroboration of the former's statements. He heard Abigailsay to Coogan that "Dr. O'Haran had given Mrs. Conyngham his photograph"; that she would not take £10,000 to square it," and that "she is very staunch, and I don't think I'll subpoena her till the last."

THE DEFENCE.

Mr Gannon, for the defence, said there was no evidence to show that Abigail had endeavoured to induce Coogan to make a false statement. The corroborative evidence of Prendeville, Meaghar, Williams and Grimshaw did not in any way bear out such a charge. Their description of the remaining conversation was mere idle talk, and boast about money, which the defendant would not dispute. There was no evidence of falsity. There was simply a suggestion to Coogan to get certain evidence from two persons at St. Mary's; but it had not been shown that that evidence was to be false.

Mr. Muir, S. M., considered that there was sufficient evidence to make out a prima facie case, and administered the usual caution to the accused, who said he wished to give evidence.

Ernest Robert Abigail, solicitor, the accused, deposed that he was admitted to practice as an attorney 15 months ago. Since then he had come into contact with Coogan. About three weeks ago, he acted against Coogan for the detention of property. Coogan first spoke of the case on 13th instant, at witness's office, to which he had not been invited by witness. Coogan said—"I want to see you about this divorce that Dr. O'Haran is in. Can't I be a witness?" Witness asked, "What do you know about it?" Coogan replied, "I'll swear I saw impropriety." Witness asked, "Who?" and was answered, "Why, Dr. O'Haran and this woman." Witness asked if Coogan had ever seen Mrs. Conyngham in his life, and he replied, 'No. What does that matter! All you would have to do would be to fix me up with a few points of the case, so that they could not cut me up in cross-examination. You know how Wade tried to do it, and fell in. But mind you, I would want a bit out of it. I wouldn't trust that Conyngham, for he has not got a bean in the world. "Witness said, "Coogan, I wouldn't have anything to do with it. I wouldn't imperil my liberty for fifty Conynghams." Coogan replied, "What are you afraid of! If you are frightened I'll make a statutory declaration of w atever you like, and go with you over to your counsel." Witness replied, "No, Coogan, it's no use; I'll have nothing to do with you. You know very well the profession know you too well to believe a word you say." Coogan said, "Well, think it over. Witness then spoke to him concerning another matter, during which Coogan said a certain woman was going to his house on Friday night to "see her kids." Coogan volunteered to call in later and give witness further particulars. Witness stated that an action was pending against him, and it was necessary to retain this woman to give substantial evidence. On the following evening witness was walking in front of his house smoking when Coogan came over, and said, "Have you thought that matter over?" Witness replied that he would have nothing to do with it. Coogan then said, "Look here don't be foolish.

I WANT TO GET EVEN ON O'HARAN

He tried to take me down for a tenner. I was married in Lent, and when I went about the celebration to Dr. O'Haran, he said to me, "The church does not allow marriages in Lent. If you want to get married you'll have to pay £10." I turned on the old ——, and gave him what for. I asked him did he think I was going to slave to keep him and other fat priests in luxury. I said £2 is my price, and if you don't like that, I'll go and get married in a registry office. Then he said he would do it for £2, but I took the ——down, and gave them nothing. I got married at St. Joseph's Newtown. The priest passed the plate to me after the ceremony, and I put my hand in my pocket, and told him that I had left my money at home. I offered to send for it, but he told me to send it round—which I never did. They din't get a bean." Witness then said to Coogan, "But you are a Roman Catholic, are you not?" He replied, "What does that matter? I never go to church; do you?" Witness replied, "No, I don't." Coogan then said, "I'll call down to see you later in the week." Coogan went to witness that night quite voluntarily. He said he wanted to put four summonses in witness's hands, and he left. On the 16th instant, he saw Coogan at the door of the Central Court, and Coogan said, "Don't forget to-night, at 8 o'clock, Mrs.——will be there, and you can serve her with your subpœna." Witness said, "Very well," and left. Coogan's shop was very close to witness's house. Shortly after 8 o'clock that night witness and Pierce took up a position opposite Coogan's door, and a little while afterwards Coogan came to the door and Pierce crossed and spoke to him. At 9 o'clock Mrs.——came out of the house and got into a bus. Pierce, with the subpœna, also got into the bus and served her with it. Witness, from something Pierce told him, went across to Coogan's shop. Coogan said, "Come in Ernie. There is no one here." Witness went in and after a short conversation, Coogan said, "Now what about that case of Conyngham's?" Witness replied, "As I told you before, I'll have nothing to do with it. Dismiss it from your mind," Coogan said, "Let me do something. I want to get at O'Haran. Aren't there any witnesses I can see? I am a Catholic, and I could get the strength of them where you could not. I suppose

THE COSTS WILL RUN INTO A GOOD DEAL

of money!" Witness said, "Yes, £500 or £600, whichever way it goes." Coogan said: "How is Conyngham? They tell me he is a bit ratty." Witness replied: "The poor unfortunate fellow does not seem ratty, and you would not say so if you had seen him sob and cry as I have. He had a fit in my office one day, and I thought he would die," Coogan said: "Do you think he will break down when giving evidence?" Witness said: "It is very possible. It is a terrible trial." Coogan asked if he could see some of the witnesses. Witness said there were two people already subpœnaed at St. Mary's Cathedral, and mentioned their surnames. They had been subpœnaed a fortnight before. Witness said he wanted to know who repaired the blind and removed the couch in the Doctor's room, and at Coogan's request he wrote down what appeared on the exhibit produced in Court. Coogan, speaking about Conyngham, said he wondered, in the event of it being true, that he did not kill O'Haran. Witness replied that he believed Conyngham had written a letter threatening to follow O'Haran all over the world. Coogan wanted to know when the affair took place, and witness said it happened in various parts of the Cathedral, and on one night during the fair. Coogan warned him about being shot by the Roman Catholics, and advised witness to change his name. Witness said it was "bosh." He had never said anything about seeing Mrs. Conyngham every day. He had never suggested to any man that he had asked Coogan to go and induce two people at the priests' house to tell a lie. He never in his life had asked Coogan to make an untrue statement regarding Dr. O'Haran. Witness was a perfect stranger to Dr. O'Haran, and he knew nothing of the merits of the case. He had done very little in the case at all as his clerk had done most of the business. He himself, however, served the subpœnas on Cardinal Moran and Father Keegan as an act of courtesy.

ANOTHER DARING PIRACY IN SOUTH CHINA.

CUSTOMS LAUNCHES IN PURSUIT.

A CORRESPONDENT furnishes the "Overland China Mail" of December 3 with an account of a daring case of piracy which has come to his notice :—

On Saturday about 9-15 a.m., when in Deep Bay and approaching her usual place of call, Wan Ha, on the east coast of the Bay, (where the passengers for the town and district of Nam-tao land), the steam launch Kwong Sing was seen to suddenly turn round and steam out of the bay and proceed in a S.W. direction; this caused the passengers to wonder what was the matter, but they were soon informed as five pirates were in evidence—2 going forward, 2 afs and 1 amidships, each armed with a revolver. The passengers (amongst whom was one foreigner) were told to keep quiet and no harm would ensue, and they judiciously complied with the request. The destination appeared to be the vicinity of Macao. In the meantime the forty passengers were quietly submitting to the process of being bailed up, and somewhere about 1,300 dols. were collected. A few of the more knowing of the passengers quietly secreted their notes and dollars and watches in their stockings, and got off all right, while the more nervous and wealthy ones were properly cleaned out. The launch passed Macao and proceeded in the direction of Malóchw, where a fishing junk was hailed and the five pirates and their loot got on board, covering the passengers with their revolvers, and saying, "Do not follow us or we will fire on you." As sensible people, those on the launch kept quiet until they were well off, and then made tracks for Tai San. She then met the Customs cruising launch "Kwan Sui," which had been chasing the pirated launch for two hours, she having been manned from the crew of the R. S. "Fei Hoo" and instructed to follow, having only the smoke clouds to guide her. As the pirated launch had nearly one hour's start, the chase was not succes-ful. The Kwan Sui took off the European and Chinese passengers, and proceeded to Macao to report affairs. The Kwong Sing returned to Deep Bay, reaching the Tai San station at 6 p. m. just six and a-half hours behind her usual time of arrival. Having reached a safe haven, the passengers who had been successful in saving their goods from the pirates found amusement in bantering the losers by the adventure.

It is a source of wonder why the pirates waited till near to Wan Ha before commencing operations, but this may be explained by the fact that they had passed H. M. S. Waterwitch, and no doubt wanted to be well clear of her before commencing operations. The Customs cruising launch was in Cheke wan Bay, cleaning boilers; those on board noticed the sudden return of the Kwong Sing and the direction she was taking, and at once surmised what had happened, but having no steam, could do nothing. The launch Lan Sing, belonging to the same Ferry Launch Company, and running to Deep Bay, having arrived at Wan Ha before the Kwong Sing, and seeing her particular movement of turning and proceeding in the wrong direction, suspected what had happened, and made for the Tia Shan Bay where she found the Revenue Steamer Fei Hoo and communicated the news The Lan Sing was sent on to instruct the cruising launches Capsuitai and Kwan Lui to take up the chase, while the Fei Hoo cruised in the vicinity of Lintin and to S. W., in case of any doubling back on the part of the pirated launch.

It is strange that all those cases of pirated ferry launches take place in British waters. Where are the police launches—surely the recent typhoon did not destroy them all. The natural question to ask of the passengers by the pirated launch Kwong Sing was this, "Who was the detective or policeman who inspected the launch prior to her departure from Hongkong? The answer was "No one," and one passenger said their had been none of the usual detective force inspecting the launches for the past few weeks. Is this right? In this case a coolie brought a basket of biscuits on board and left—this it turned out had no owner until the vicinity of Deep Bay was reached, when the five men got near it and got their arms there from. In the Sham Chun piracy case of a few week ago, the arms were concealed it a basket of charcoal. These baskets ought to be turned out on the wharf before being put on board; this would help the detective in his search work.

ON Sunday a single case of plague was reported in Calcutta and one death from that cause, the total mortality being 93.

WHILE the question of horse-breeding is the front a few lines are due to the memory of Colonel L. F. Jamieson, who died last month at Liege in Belgium, as one who took a prominent part in the management of the old tud system in its latter years. The late Colonel Jamieson came out to India in the 7th Hussars and was serving with his regiment in the Punjab when John Lawrence selected him for the Stud Department of those days, and with this he remained till its disruption and conversion into the nondescript organisation of to-day. Latterly Colonel Jamieson was for several years employed on special duty in connection with the question of forage supply for the mounted branches of the army. Intimately associated with Colonel Jamieson, as his official superior, was one who is happily still with us, a name that has been a household word in India for the last sixty years, Major-General Ben Parrott formerly of

WRITERS AND READERS.

So large and so continuous is the output of new books, that, to keep pace with it, would require ten, or even twenty, times the space at my disposal. All that can be done in this column is to select here or there a volume likely to be of interest to the general reader, and to discuss, in the briefest terms, its merits or demerits. Take, for instance, Mr. Maurice Hewlett's latest novel, "The Life and Death of Richard Yea-and-Nay" (Macmillan and Company). To give an adequate account of that would necessitate the absolute exclusion of all else this week. And yet the book is one not to be lightly dismissed. In "The Forest Lovers" and "Little Novels from Italy," Mr. Hewlett made so profound an impression, that anything from his pen must of necessity claim close and careful consideration. "The Forest Lovers" I read with unflagging delight. Few romances of recent times have afforded me greater pleasure, or awakened in me a keener feeling of satisfaction. It was, therefore, with a sense of anticipatory enjoyment that I opened Richard Yea-and-Nay.

To declare that the book disappointed me would be to use far too strong an expression. For the story moves on a level infinitely higher than that occupied by ninety-nine out of every hundred novels published. Nor is there any lack of brilliancy, vigour, or stimulating suggestion in the setting forth of the story. Perhaps it is that the leading character, Richard Cœur-de-Lion, hardly lends himself to romantic treatment, or that the author's imagination finds a certain restrictive quality in historical events. Mr. Hewlett himself possesses so decided an individuality, his own creative power is so all-sufficing, that, personally, I would rather accept his uncontrolled guidance than see him subjected to the stern discipline of fact. Yet, with all this, he is indisputably a master of his art, and if Richard Yea-and-Nay fails to be wholly satisfying it is only in comparison with the writer's previous achievements. It is a romance that compels admiration, by reason of its cleverness, its superb vitality, and vivid portraiture, and that it will obtain the success it deserves I have not the shadow of a doubt.

To a palic which delights in "snippets" the volume, entitled In the Days of My Youth (Pearson) to which Mr. T. P. O'Connor provides an introduction is bound to appeal. The only drawback is that as its contents have already appeared in "M. A. P." the bulk of the book must already be familiar to readers of the class referred to. Yet, doubtless they will be glad to have their peculiar form of literary food served up to them again and to possess it as a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. Within the covers of this wonderful and entrancing book you will find the souls of all sorts and conditions of people laid bare and if you are minded to study their tastes, their predilections their likes and dislikes every opportunity will be afforded you.

Artists, actors, politicians, and scientists, soldier, sailor, tinker, tailor, all deign to contribute to its lively pages. From them you will learn the astonishing fact that Sir Alma Tadema has never trodden the classic ground which he is so fond of reproducing in his pictures, and that Miss Edna May's thoughts are more concerned with matters pertaining to her home life than with any triumphs, however delirious, she may obtain upon the stage. It will perhaps come as a painful surprise that Mrs. Kendal, had she been permitted to follow her own inclination would have retired from professional life ten years ago; but what is a poor woman to do, who is forced to earn her daily bread by furnishing the public with entertainment? As everybody knows, Mr. George R. Sims, the author of more successful plays than probably any living playwright, is chained to his desk by the harsh necessity of providing himself with a daily crust and an innocuous cup of cold water. When one reads of such things, it hardly seems worth while to be born a genius, if the exercise of your talents only serves to bring such paltry rewards.

Mr. Max Pemberton is a novelist whom I would scarcely presume to criticise. He has made his own public, and neither praise nor condemnation from the ordinary reviewer is in any way likely to affect the sale of his books. The Footsteps of a Throne (Methuen) will doubtless achieve the measure of popularity which, with Mr. Pemberton's name attached, it is predestined to gain whatever one may have to say regarding the conventionality of its plot and the feebleness of its characterisation. Such stories can with the greatest ease be turned out by the bushel by any man possessing the knack of throwing together a few melodramatic incidents. They fulfil their purpose no doubt of whiling away an idle hour but, beyond that it is difficult to understand what object they serve.

That indefatigable worker Zola has nearly completed a new novel to which he gives the title of Travail. The English version will bear the name of "Work" and will, it is expected, be ready for publication about the end of February. Mr Ernest Vizetelly has undertaken the task of translation and the volume will be issued by Messrs. Chatto and Windus.

Some years ago Mr. Kipling wrote a very fresh letter on the old subject of lecturing to Major Pond. It will appear in the great lecture-agent's forthcoming book and here is an extract in advance;—There is such a thing wrote Mr. Kipling, as paying a hundred and twenty-five cents for a dollar, and though I suppose there is money in the lecturing business it seems to me that the bother, the fuss, the being at everybody's beck and call, the night journeys, and so on, make it very dear. I have seen a few men who lived through the fight, but they did not look happy. Mr. Kipling is never likely to lecture and Major Pond mourns.

Mr. Fisher Unwin will publish almost immediately a novel by Mrs. H. Sant Lanyon, bearing the somewhat curious title, Sarah, P.G. P.G. stands for paying guest, and the story deals with the adventures of a very young orphan girl, who, through the tide of circumstances—being left alone in the world—advertises in the most fashionable newspapers for a lady chaperone. She is so inundated with replies from society women in London and elsewhere, women belonging to all grades of society, that she finds difficulty in choosing. Her many experiences as a paying guest, as might be expected, are sometimes ludicrous, and not infrequently pathetic. There are love scenes, dramatic situations, conflicts between right and worng, before the hero (who is a famous novelist) and the heroine fulfil their destiny.

Mr. Fisher Unwin also is publishing this week A Literary History of America by Barrett Wendall Professor of English at Harvard College. The history endeavours to define the ways in which the nation, character, and thought of America have diverged from those of England. Touching briefly on the seventeenth century with a chapter on Cotten Mather it discusses the eighteenth century at greater length with special chapters on Jonathan Edwards, Benjamin Franklin, and the American Revolution. The nineteenth century is treated in more detail with special chapters on Brockden, Brown Irving, Cooper, Bryant, Poe, Emerson, Whittier, Longfellow, Lowell, Holmes, and Walt Whitman. The chief emphasis is laid on the literature if New England, and its differences from that of the mother Country.

The contents of the "New Century Review" for December, which is now published by Mr. John Long, 6 Chandos Street, Strand, and edited by Mr. Douglas Story, includes amongst other articles the following :—War as a Path to Settlement by Douglas Story: The Old Century and the New by Hall Caine; Huxley as a Philosophic Thinker by Hector Macpherson; The Waste Lands of Great Britain by Fraser Story; A Broken Boot by Mary E. Mann; Wireless Telegraphy by William Utley; Sir Arthur Sullivan by C. D. Baynes; Two Un-Jewish Jewish Plays by I. Zangwill; The Drift of the Day by The Editor.

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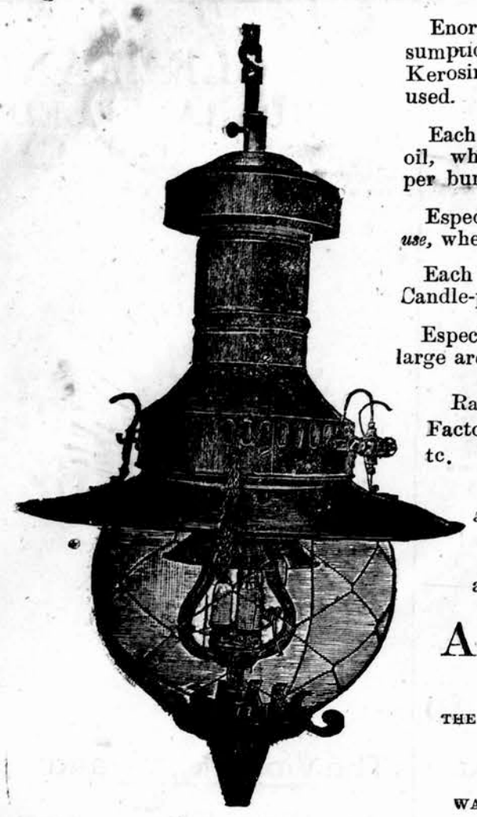

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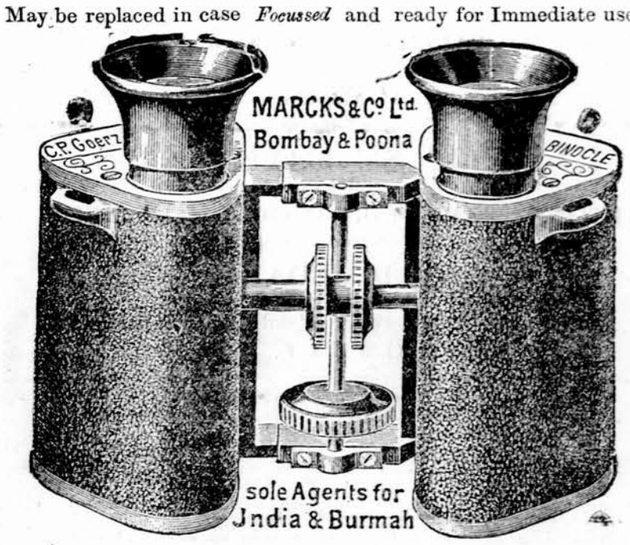

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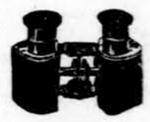

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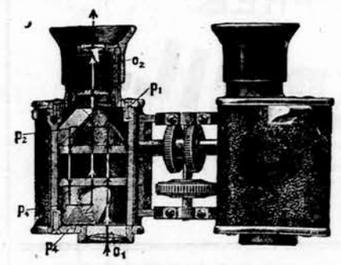

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